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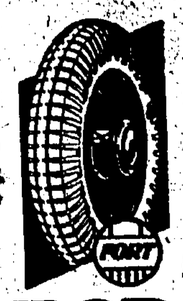

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A MORE HOPEFUL OUTLOOK

JAPAN AND THE NEW MANCHURIAN STATE

MR. YOSHIZAWA SPEAKS

ANOTHER JAPANESE SPOKESMAN SEEKS TO VINDICATE JAPAN.

HEARTENING REPORT.

London, Yesterday.

It is authoritatively reported from Shanghai that the Sino-Japanese negotiations are progressing favourably, and that an agreement is imminent.

Reports from Shanghai warmly pay tribute to the efforts of Foreign observers to obtain a pacific settlement. Sir Miles Lampson, whose efforts in this direction have been unremitting, is especially mentioned.

It is believed that although a date has been mentioned for the withdrawal of the Japanese troops it will, probably, not be included in the settlement.—Reuter.

YOSHIZAWA INTERVIEW.

Paris, Yesterday.

A concise statement of Japan's attitude to the new Manchurian State has been given by Mr. Yoshizawa in an interview accorded to the "Petit Parisien's" special correspondent in Tokyo.

JAPAN AND THE LEAGUE.

According to that Paper's correspondent, Mr. Yoshizawa declared, at the outset, that the story of Japan's deciding to quit the League of Nations was a fabrication. He said that there was no question yet of recognising the new Manchurian State as everything depended upon the circumstances and proofs of wisdom and steadfastness shown by the new State.

MANCHURIA.

Mr. Yoshizawa is also reported as having said that Manchuria was an entirely new independent State formed on the principle of self-determination. As long as it respected existing treaties, Japan resolved to support and help it in every way. He pointed out that advances would not be granted by the Government but by Mitsui Mitsubisi Banks. It was evident that Japan's relations with Manchuria were destined to become closer still. Japan would abandon neither her enormous interests nor her residents in Manchuria. She meant to keep the fruit of her sacrifices of blood, energy and money. The feeling of the Japanese people on this point was unanimous and should not be challenged.

SHANGHAI INCIDENT UNFORTUNATE.

The Shanghai incident, he said, was most unfortunate. They had not contemplated making conquests on Chinese soil, but had been driven to act as they did by a series of vexatious coincidences. —Reuter.

Mr. Matsudaira's Unconvincing Speech.

London, Yesterday.

Emphasising that the Japanese Government had no intention to do anything harmful to Anglo-Japanese friendship, Mr. Matsudaira, speaking at a Japanese lunch party given to forty of the most influential financiers closely associated with the Far East, denounced the Chinese allegations regarding Shanghai as "misrepresentation of facts." He stated that Japan's only anxiety now was that the Chinese negotiators in Shanghai were resorting to the usual practice of procrastination. He stated that Japanese interests in Shanghai were purely economic, and that from a Japanese standpoint Manchuria was different, for in Manchuria Japanese political and strategic interests were involved therein in addition to economic interests. — Reuter.

CHINA'S THREE NOTES TO LEAGUE.

Protests Against Japanese Activities.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Chinese delegation is displaying renewed activity. Three notes have been addressed by Dr. Yen to Sir Eric Drummond.

One of them embodies a telegram from various public bodies in Chahar Province protesting against Japanese proceedings in the three Eastern Provinces where they are establishing an "illegal government," thus preparing the way for future annexation.

The protest requests the League to do justice to China, and to restore China's sovereign rights and uphold the sanctity of the League Covenant and international instruments of peace.

The other two notes deal with the bombing of Anting by Japanese 'planes, and declare that Japanese troops have destroyed public property and seized merchandise in Huangtu, where Japanese troops are stated to have been increased by four thousand.

The notes also refer to the Mayor of Shanghai's report dated April 4 stating that the Japanese are appointing Chinese to important posts in the so-called Political Bureau of Chapei and are organising the police.—Reuter.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

New Manchurian State and League Commission.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the absence of Sir John Simon, who was attending the Four Power Conference, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that Sir John Simon had received a communication, purporting to be from the *Minister for Foreign Affairs* of the New Government in Manchuria, requesting the opening of formal diplomatic relations. No answer as yet had been returned.

Regarding the movements of the League Commission of Enquiry, he said that the Secretary General of the League was informed on March 26, that the Commission had proposed to leave Shanghai that day for Nanking, where they would stay for four days, and that they would reach Peking at the end of this week. They expect to arrive in Manchuria at the beginning of the third week in April.—British Wireless Service.

LINDBERGHS' BABY WELL.

In Contact with Kidnappers.

BABY IS WELL.

Norfolk, Yesterday.

Curtis, the boatbuilder, has announced that he has established contact with the kidnappers of the Lindberghs' baby, and that he has been informed that the baby is well.

Curtis, who is assisting Col. Lindbergh in the search for the baby, and who had been absent since Saturday on a mysterious mission, returned this morning and said that he saw Col. Lindburg personally but was not free to say where. — Reuter.

BACK ON THE FARM.

Lloyd George Retiring from Politics.

London, Yesterday.

It is understood that Mr. Lloyd George has decided virtually to retire from active politics in the House while retaining his seat in the Commons and to devote himself principally to literary pursuits and his favourite hobby farming.—Reuter.

"POTTED" MUSIC AS PEACEMAKER.

Reconciles Famous Comedian and Wife.

"CAN'T WE TALK IT OVER"?

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Beverley Hills, California, Yesterday.

Gramophone records have been instrumental in effecting a reconciliation between the famous comedian, Buster Keaton and his wife, formerly Natalie Talmadge.

Keaton first sent her a record entitled "You've Got Me Between The Devil and The Deep Blue Sea" but nothing happened. He then tried her with "All Of You" but yet without result. Then he sent her "Can't We Talk It Over"? and this brought his wife home.

STOP PRESS

Peking, To-day.

Foreign reports from Harbin state that the Soviet Government has ordered the mobilisation of its forces in the Trans-Baikal area.—Reuter.

KREUGER AND TOLL ISSUES.

Heavy Trading in Wall Street.

New York, Yesterday.

The Kreuger and Toll revelations resulted to-day in heavy trading in Kreuger and Toll issues. Kreuger and Toll fell to one-half and International Match to two. Stocks generally are one to three points lower.

The day's turnover of two million shares has been the largest for several weeks.—Reuter's American Service.

CLOUDY AND RAIN.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning stated:—

The anticyclone has weakened considerably and is shown as a belt of relatively high pressure extending from the Yangtsze Valley across S. Japan to the Pacific.

Depressions are situated to the East of Hokkaido and over Tongking.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy, fog, mist or light rain.

Rainfall.

For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.12 inch. Total since January 1—4.87 inches against an average of 7.13 inches—deficit 2.26 inches.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	65
Macao	68
Pratas Island ...	74
Manila	76
Foochow	60
Amoy	59
Swatow	60
Chefoo	45
Shanghai	45

SENSATIONAL ESCAPE OF SIR R. SQUIRES.

City Patrolled by War Veterans.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT?

St. John's, Newfoundland, Yesterday.

Quiet has been restored and Parliament is to meet this afternoon.

The riot last night was precipitated by mishandling of the crowd and by the mounted police, who were ordered to charge, using their batons indiscriminately.

Mr. Croaker, the Minister without a portfolio, has tendered his resignation which has not been accepted. Mr. Croaker is of the opinion that Sir Richard Squires must resign owing to the charges made against him.

Sir Richard Squires's escape was sensational. He was knocked down and badly mauled but four of the clergy prevented the mob from entering the house where Sir Richard Squires had taken refuge. The mob remained outside the house howling for three hours before realising that Sir Richard had escaped.

Meanwhile, other members of the Government disappeared. The city is now patrolled by war veterans, who prevented the mob from raiding the liquor depot.

Bands of ex-Service men patrolling streets together with the police kept order in the city to-day.

Government has not resigned, and a report current to that effect is due to the fact that the Finance Minister, Mr. Cashin, tendered his own resignation and asked the Governor to demand Sir Richard Squires's resignation and to induce the crowds to disperse.

It is expected a national government will be formed to clear up the situation. It will, probably, be headed by Mr. Allardyce, Leader of the Opposition.

Sir Richard Squires, however, has not yet resigned, and is still in hiding.

Lady Squires was injured in the face by missiles thrown by the mob into Parliament building.—Reuter.

U.S. AND THE HAGUE COURT.

Question of Adherence.

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. Stimson appeared before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate to-day and elaborated his view that the Elihu Root formula for the adherence of the United States to the Hague Court would fully protect the rights of the United States.

Senator Borah, chairman of the committee, said that the prospect that a vote would be taken, during the present session, on the question of the accession of the United States to the Hague Court was reasonably good.—Reuter's American Service.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Annual Session Banned.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

In consequence of the civil disobedience campaign the Government of India has decided to prohibit the usual annual session of the Indian National Congress this year. It has been arranged to hold the Session in New Delhi under the presidency of the veteran leader Madan Mohun Malaviya.—Reuter.

DARING ROBBERY IN THE CITY

LADY VISITOR'S PLUCKY STRUGGLE WITH ROGUE

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SIX MONTHS' HARD AND THE BIRCH FOR THIEF.

Mrs. Bird, a visitor to Hong Kong, residing at the Repulse Bay Hotel, was the victim of a handbag snatching incident which occurred in the heart of the city, Queen's Road West, at midday yesterday, whilst she was purchasing some jewellery. The bag contained $1,500 in cash, besides jewellery, which brought the total amount close on to $2,000.

It appears that Mrs. Bird had made a purchase in Queen's Road West and was walking along with a lady friend, outside shop No. 149, when the defendant approached from behind and snatched her bag, which was under her right arm. She chased the culprit, who fell in Kong Yuen Street and was caught. He managed, however, to break loose and continued to run, falling a second time. Mrs. Bird caught up to him and a struggled ensued in Ko Shing Street, but the thief again managed to escaped. He was, however, finally caught by a district watchman on patrol in Sutherland Street. The bag, with all its contents was recovered.

The culprit, named Ko Nam (44), unemployed, and of no fixed abode, was brought before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, when he pleaded guilty, stating that he had yielded to temptation when he saw the lady buying jewellery at the shop. He was out of work and had no food.

Detective-Sergeant Kinnear produced evidence of a previous conviction against the defendant for a breach of the Opium Ordinance four years ago, which he admitted.

His Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour with fifteen strokes of the birch.

OLD RESIDENT OF HONG KONG PASSES AWAY

POPULAR AND WELL-KNOWN BUSINESS MAN

THE LATE MR. M. MANUK

The death occurred at the Canossa Hospital, Peak Road, at 10.30 this morning, of Mr. M. Manuk, an old resident of the Colony and well-known business man, being Secretary and Director of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., and Director of the Hong Kong Brewers & Distillers, Ltd., of Messrs. Wm. Powell Ltd., of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., the Local Printing Press as well as Secretary of the Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

His Early Years in the Colony.

He came to Hong Kong in 1899 and for about two years was in Government service, working in the Post Office. Then he entered the employment of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, where he served for about 1½ years.

Association With The Dairy Farm.

In 1905 he joined the then Dairy Farm Co. as a clerk, the following year was appointed Secretary of the Company, a promotion which speaks well for his business ability even as a young man, and throughout his 27 years' connection with the Company he had given ample proof that the trust reposed on him had not been misplaced.

The vast strides that the Dairy Farm had made, particularly since the war, are in no small measure due to Mr. Manuk's business acumen. He made many visits to Australia in the interests of the Company and was responsible for the introduction of Australian cattle at the Farm at Pokfulam. He also studied modern dairying methods and introduced them to Hong Kong.

Keen Volunteer.

During the war Mr. Manuk served with the then Hong Kong Volunteer Corps, holding the rank of Sergeant in what was then known as the Right Section Machine Gun Company, in which the writer had the pleasure of serving with him. As in business, Mr. Manuk took his volunteering seriously and was a thoroughly efficient N.C.O., who was well liked by his comrades of the Company. He was a marksman and won many shooting trophies.

Theosophist.

At the time of his death Mr. Manuk was Presidential Agent of China of the Theosophical Society in which he took a very keen interest and often gave lectures at the society's rooms.

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INCREASING ECONOMIC CRISIS IN RICE EXPORTING LANDS

STAPLE FOOD OF ASIA.

Conditions of Production Remain Unchanged.

While the reprecussions of the slump in wheat prices are generally appreciated, remarks a correspondent of the Economist, little attention has been directed to the serious effects of the crisis that has developed in the great rice-exporting lands since the opening of the 1930-31 season. Only the news of the unrest in Burma has brought a somewhat faint echo of the difficult situation. Yet with the coming on the market of the crop now approaching completion in the principal producing countries a critical stage is being reached.

The comparative neglect to consider the effects of the fall in rice prices is no doubt due largely to the fact that, though rice is the staple food of probably at least one-third of mankind, it enters directly into Western commerce only to a relatively small extent: the imports into the four important Western importing countries, Germany, France, the Netherlands and Great Britain, in the five years 1926-30 amounted in all to less than 12 per cent. of the total amount of rice entering into international trade. Indirectly, however, the slump in rice has inevitably a serious effect on trade with the principal Asiatic countries, not only on that with the three great exporting lands, Burma, Indo-China and Siam, but on that with monsoon Asia as a whole. In every country in that vast area rice is the staple crop, depression in whose price means a lower purchasing-power for a very large section of the population, especially if at the same time prices for the great plantation products are greatly depressed and there is little demand for hired labour. The place of rice in the trade balances of the three great exporters is shown by the statistics of the last five years to have been 57 per cent. of the value of the total exports in the case of Burma, 66 per cent. in that of Indo-China and 60 per cent. in that of Siam. The fall in the total value of imports into Burma in 1930-31 was 23 per cent.; and in that of imports into Indo-China in 1930 no less than 30 per cent.; with the more marked fall in the value of rice exports in the last trade year, the latest trade returns seem likely to indicate a still more serious decline in the import trade.

Trend of World Production.

Though prices had shown a downward tendency since 1926, the slump in rice came some months later than in wheat, an a sharp decline did not occur until September, 1930. The trend of world production is indicated by the following statistics of the International Institute of Agriculture:—

	Million quinfals, rough rice.
1909-14	778
1925-26	857
1926-27	853
1927-28	846
1928-29	876
1929-30	859
1925-30	858

Production in the five years ending 1929-30 was thus 10 per cent. greater than that in the pre-war quinquennium. The corresponding increase in world wheat production was 14 per cent. In the case of both commodities, the chief country excluded is China, for which no reliable statistics are available. The increase in production of rice has thus been comparatively moderate.

Rice is a native crop, and the conditions of its production have changed little. While wheat-growing has been revolutionised by the combine and the tractor and by the introduction of new varieties, rice-growing is still carried on in small holdings by primitive methods, and the area under improved varieties remains insignificant. The increase in production does not seem excessive in relation to the probable increase in population in the rice-eating countries in the same period, while, with the possible exception of urban areas in the vicinity of the great ports, the conservatism of the great mass of the population in Oriental lands as regards the staples of its diet ensures that even the very low wheat prices do not result in any great substitution of wheat flour for rice. Decline in purchasing power seems, then, to be the cause of the general depression in rice.

One of the most important causes of reduced purchasing-power has been the fall in value of silver, the currency basis of probably the greatest rice-consuming country, China, and the main store of value of its only rival in this respect, India. The three great rice-exporters, Burma, Indo-China and Siam, have been severely affected by this monetary factor, though Burma, which had already been competing to an unprecedented degree in the Chinese market, now derives an advantage from the depreciation in sterling. Siam, whose currency remained at a higher level than those of its competitors even previously, has especially suffered from the effects of the depreciation of silver. In China, normal trade conditions have, of course, been further disturbed by the prolonged internal upheaval and interruption of the channels of trade by military operations and banditry. Owing to these conditions it remains doubtful whether the great floods in the Yangtse Valley in 1931, affecting the principal rice-growing region of Central China, will have what would in normal circumstances be their effect in causing a great additional demand for imported rice.

A more widespread cause of the relative backwardness of demand has been the intensification of the crisis affecting the great export staples of the rice-importing lands. In Malaya, for instance, the depression in rubber, which has caused the return of the thousands of rice-eating labourers to India and has made it difficult for native and Chinese rubber growers to maintain their incomes, has, no doubt, depressed rice consumption below the level it would otherwise have reached. A similar situation prevails in other important rice-importing countries such as the Netherlands East Indies, Ceylon, the Philippines and Cuba.

Lastly, the position of the great exporting countries has been rendered more difficult by the fact that the growth in production has taken place very largely in countries that formerly relied more largely on imports. Japan is an important example. Faced with a rapidly growing population in the metropolitan islands, the Government has not only encouraged such further development of rice production as was there possible, but still more the production in Korea and Formosa, with the result that the country is now, in good years, independent of foreign rice. Japan has, in fact, placed an embargo on imports—in practice affecting Burma and Indo-China particularly—and has dumped some of its surplus stocks in China and elsewhere. A similar reversal of the trade position has occurred in Brazil and Egypt. Meanwhile, too, the Governments of British Malaya, Ceylon and the Netherlands East Indies are encouraging the extension of rice-growing with a view to greater self-sufficiency.

This Year's Prospects.

The prospects of the 1931-32 crop now harvested or being harvested in the main producing and exporting countries are more promising from the commercial point of view. Deficiency in the rains has considerably reduced yields in Burma and very much so in Siam, and is expected to have had a similar effect in Indo-China. The export surplus in Burma is estimated at 5,853 million pounds of milled rice, against 7,063 millions last year, while the corresponding figures for Siam are 2,200 million and 4,800 million pounds. Low yields, however, while easing the commercial position, do not improve the immediate position of the cultivator. Any gain he gets in higher prices is neutralised by smaller production, so that his purchasing-power remains at the same low level. The reduction in yields and that in area which has also occurred do not mark a return to normalcy, but only a somewhat drastic means to that end. The situation in the chief importing countries at the end of the 1931-32 season remains doubtful.

As regards the proposal to "safeguard" Empire rice by imposing a *tariff on foreign grades* imported into the United Kingdom, the following statistics are interesting. The average annual exports of whole rice not in the husk from British India in 1925-26/1929-30 were 10,126,000 tons (of which 180,000, or 1.8 per cent., were exported to the United Kingdom), while the average imports of such rice into the United Kingdom in 1926-30 from all countries were 353,000 tons, or only 3.5 per cent. of the total export from British India. Thus, even if the United Kingdom took all its rice imports from British India, ignoring questions of tastes for certain varieties, the effect in alleviating Burma's difficulties would be negligible.

INCREASE FOR DEMAND.

World's Statistics for Piece Goods.

INDIAN MARKET ACTIVE.

London, March 9.

James F. Huttons, Manchester, write:

Although a very firm tone has been maintained in the market throughout the week, prices at Liverpool, however, have not strengthened very much and in fact show very little alteration to our last figures. It is a well established fact that there has been a lot of business transacted since the beginning of this month for nearly all the large consuming centres, and with the general improvement in outside commodity markets it is felt that these recent purchases should prove very advantageous.

The world's statistics for last week show that 266,000 bales of American cotton were taken as compared with 225,000 bales for the same period last year. This last day or so, however, there has been some uneasiness amongst operators owing to the sharp advance in sterling and the consequent decline in raw cotton prices. This influence has acted as a sort of brake, although the general amount of enquiry has not fallen away.

India has been the most active market. Even dhooties, which for some time have been very quiet, have been under offer again for Calcutta whilst a few lots of prints and dyed styles have been booked for that market. Bombay, Karachi and Madras have shown interest in the light fancy styles and a lot of price testing has been going on. A small trade has been arranged in some of the special dyed styles whilst fancies have not been neglected.

Further enquiry has been received from Shanghai for whites, greys and fancies but not much is being done for this outlet owing to the unsettled prevailing conditions. It is even uncertain yet whether the auctions will be resumed this week. Hong Kong has sent a little fresh enquiry whilst more trade is being done for Java, Singapore and the Straits in cambrics, voiles and fancies. Egypt is making further offers for bleachers and similarly the Near East, while West Africa is still buying whites and fancies in fair quantities. South America has made bids for finishing cloths and specialities but the majority have been on too low a basis.

IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute will be held at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London, S.W.1, on May 5 and 6, under the Presidency of Colonel Sir W. Charles Wright, Bart.

The annual dinner will take place at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2, on May 5, at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

The Council of the Institute has this year awarded the Bessemer Gold Medal to Professor Henry Louis, in recognition of his distinguished work in the fields of mining and metallurgical science.

Mr. Arthur Dorman has been elected a vice-president of the Institute, and Captain H. Leighton Davies and Dr. A. McCance members of Council.—Engineering.

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OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"THE SANTA FE TRAIL."

When anybody recalls in conversation or memory a region that is very "near and dear" to the heart, it is known as "God's Country."

"The Santa Fe Trail," which is now showing is a narrative of "God's Country," a Spanish oasis of love and mystery as fascinating as the title of the original story, "Spanish Acres."

In settings undisturbed by the toot of a train, the blare of an automobile or any of the other noisy distractions of the modern city, there is unfolded a story of adventure and intrigue to hold audiences spellbound from the opening chorus of bleating sheep flocks totalling thousands, to a heart-tugging climax in which characterful Eugene Pallette, unable to understand love, topples over asleep counting the tumbling droves.

Juveniles will take sides, too, for Mitzi Green and Junior Durkin, who quarrel like all puppy lovers and make up; Mitzi, an exasperating imp who tests Durkin's patience to the full of his eleven years; how the audience will thrill when these youngsters outride warpath Indians to save their grown-up friends.

Rosita Moreno, new Latin beauty, has all the smouldering fire of Spanish temperament, coquettish and chaste, capricious; enjoying the delectable timidity of her newly found American friends, Arlen and Pallette. And her beauty reflected in Nature's "miracle" settings!

Hooper Atchley and Luis Alberni, new and big names, men whose stage experience qualifies them for excellent portrayals as "heavy" and fiery Don father, respectively.

Co-directed by Brower and Knopf, the boys who know their West.

"BEHIND OFFICE DOORS."

Furnishing delightful entertainment from start to finish, "Behind Office Doors," Radio Pictures' comedy-drama which opens to-day at the Queen's Theatre is a most noteworthy presentation.

The film deals with an increasingly important social problem which has resounded through many divorce courts and has caused misunderstandings in thousands of American homes—the relationships which eight hours of close intimacy force upon business executives and their secretaries.

Should a secretary fall in love with her boss? Is it possible for an emotional girl not to fall in love with her boss when she associates with him daily, reads his letters and attends to his personal affairs? Has a fiancee the moral right to discharge her fiance's secretary, just because the girl is conscientious and good looking?

These are the mooted questions that "Behind Office Doors" answers in a story that constantly holds the interest.

Mary Astor plays the role of a secretary who falls in love with an unresponsive, facetious and overdressed salesman, played by Robert Ames.

The picture was splendidly directed by Melville Brown and the acting is extraordinarily good with unusually fine performances by Miss Astor, Ames, Ricardo Cortez, Edna Murphy, Kitty Kelly and Catherine Dale Owen.

"SING TAKES A HOLIDAY."

One of the most brilliant casts ever assembled in any motion picture distinguishes Constance Bennett's Pathe star production, "Sin Takes a Holiday," which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day.

Miss Bennett's role in this picture is one that she plays to the manor born and in the somewhat risque situations which abound, she displays artistry of diamond-pure lustre.

As her leading man, the beautiful star of "Rich People," "This Thing Called Love" and "Common Clay," has Kenneth MacKenna who has produced, directed and played leads in many New York stage successes, including "The Big Pond," before talking pictures claimed him.

Playing MacKenna's rival is Basil Rathbone, who appeared with Norma Shearer in "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney." Rathbone, who started his theatrical career on the London stage, was featured in "This Mad World," "The Bishop Murder Case" and "Lady of Scandal."

To Rita La Roy has gone the feminine menace role. Miss La Roy's work in "Dynamite," "The Love Trap," "The Bachelor Girl" and "The Delightful Rogue" won her a picture contract. Helen Johnson, blonde stage and film player, has the role of a society girl.

Men-about-town roles are played by Louis Bartels and John Roche, experienced film players with stage backgrounds. As a sophisticated society woman, Kendal Lee adds another authentic touch to the cast. Murrel Finlay, selected by Henry Clive, the artist, as California's "golden girl" and designated by Florenz Ziegfeld as one of America's foremost beauties, also has a society girl role. Fred Walton, veteran character actor, plays a butler.

Paul L. Stein directed "Sin Takes a Holiday." Among his directorial successes are "One Romantic Night," "Her Private Affair," and "This Thing Called Love." Robert Milton and Dorothy Cairns wrote the original story and the photoplay is by Horace Jackson.

"PALMY DAYS."

Girls with brunette hair are becoming extinct in Hollywood, the latest figures showing a proportion of three to one in favour of the blondes among film extras.

And the reason is that the ladies of the hopeful mob have discovered that with the new lighting for the talkies peroxide hair stands out on the screen and enables them to steal scenes. So many blondes have recently won contracts that the word has gone round, and the rush to the corner drug store is on.

At the present rate of change the brunette is fast fading from the picture. When the talkies came in aboue three years ago the dark-tressed extras led by virtually the same three to one percentage that now favours the blondes.

The statistics on which these averages are based were taken from a chart prepared by Busby Berkeley, of Samuel Goldwyn's film forces, on the fifty girls appearing in Eddie Cantor's new comedy, "Palmy Days," which comes next Sunday.

The fifty Girls, in turn, were selected as the most beautiful among some 5,000 applicants for the new Cantor film. Berkeley's chart shows that thirty-seven of the successful applicants, or virtually three-fourths, are blonde. He also estimates that of this thirty-seven, less than ten per cent. are natural blondes. And even those with fair hair use bleaching preparations to get a still lighter effect.

Cameramen explain that women with dark hair are more difficult to photograph.

"GET-RICH-QUICK-WALLINGFORD."

"Queer" money for the screen has always been a problem. It's against the law to photograph real United States money, so "stage money" has to be used, and no one ever made any that looked like the real thing. But when William Haines handles money in his role of "J. Rufus Wallingford" the screen money looks absolutely real.

As a matter of fact, it is real money, even if it's not worth anything. When production started on "New Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford" which will come on Sunday to the Queen's Theatre, the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer property department got a "tip." In a Southern republic a fortune in money was picked up. The trouble was that the state that issued it had changed governments after it was engraved, so although it wasn't worth anything as money, it was perfect as a movie prop.

Finely engraved bills, looking amazingly like real money, give a perfect illusion in the new picture, suggested by the famous "Get-Rich-Quick-Wallingford" stories in the Cosmopolitan Magazine.

Sam Wood directed the production, in which a large cast appears, including the New York stage comedian, Jimmy Durante, Ernest Torrence as Blackie Daw, Leila Hyams, Guy Kibbee, Hale Hamilton, Robert McWade, Clara Blandick and Walter Walker.

CONVICTS IN DANGER OF INSANITY.

Strain of Solitary Confinement.

A fear that 70 Dartmoor convicts may be on the verge of a state of temporary insanity, as the result of nearly a month's solitary confinement, is expressed by Dr. Bernard Hollander, the mental specialist.

Every day for the last 28 days these men have spent 23 of the 24 hours alone in their cells. For one hour a day they are allowed out for exercise.

Solitary confinement for 28 days is the maximum punishment allowed by the prison regulations.

But these men remain in their cells until their trial, the date and place of which have not yet been fixed.

Not "Punishment."

They are not being "punished." They are being held in the cells for safety, and day by day they are becoming more violent and noisy.

Their shouting, singing and stamping reached on February 21 night and the next morning, its highest pitch since the mutiny.

The noise kept the whole prison awake, and could be heard a quarter of a mile away in the village of Prince-town.

"This solitary confinement will send the men mad," Dr. Bernard Hollander, the mental expert told the Daily Herald.

Cause of Outbursts.

"They are probably now suffering from a form of temporary madness—prisonpsychosis. That is most probably the cause of their violent outbursts.

"A few days' confinement is very bad for men of this type. After a month of it, they must be worked up to a terrible pitch of mad violence."

Confinement in the punishment cells—the famous "B" block at Dartmoor—means that the men have to eat in their cells, have nothing to read, no work, and are denied the prisoner's greatest relaxation—smoking.

They are exercised in small groups under strong guard and are not allowed to get within sight of the other prisoners.

Major C. Pannell, Acting-Governor of Dartmoor, denied that some of the convicts have been sent to London.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

6-6.20 p.m.—Operatic.

Lohengrin—Prelude Act III. (Wagner) ....Symphony Orchestra.
Lohengrin—The Bridal Chorus (Wagner), Chorus & Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates (9006).
Faust—Le parlate d'amore (Gounod), Margarete Matzenauer Contralto (6618).
Samson and Delilah—Bacchanale (Saint-Saens), Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra (6823).
Boheme—Racconto di Rodolfo (Puccini), Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor) (6595).

6.20-7.15 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—
Etude in D Flat Major (Scriabine),
Etude in C Sharp Minor (Scriabine), Muriel Kerr (4113).

Song—
Since First I Met Thee (Watson-Rubinstein),
Songs my Mother Taught Me (Macfarren-Dvorak), Rosa Ponselle (Soprano) (1319).

Violin Solo—
Vocalise (Rachmaninoff-Press),
Caprice in E Flat Major (Wieniawski-Kreisler), Mischa Elman (1364).

Songs—
Bird Songs at Eventide (Barrie-Coates),
The Little Silver Ring (Chaminade), John McCormack (Tenor) (1303).

Piano Solo—
Etude Tableau (Rachmaninoff),
Dance of the Gnomes (Liszt), Sergei Rachmaninoff (1184).

Vocal Duet—
I Know a Bank Whereon the Wild Thyme Blows (Shakespeare-Horn), Olive Kline & Elsie Baker.

Vocal Duet—
The Moon Has Rais'd Her Lamp Above (Benedict), Royal Dadmun & Lambert Murphy (4085).

Violin Solo—
Tango (Albeniz-Kroisler),
Danse Espagnole (Spanish Dance) (De Falla-Kreisler), Fritz Kreisler (1339).

7.15-7.25 p.m.—

Ma Mere L'Oye (Mother Goose) (Ravel), Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky (7370-1).

7.25-8 p.m.—Vocal Gems.

"Rose-Marie", "No, No, Nanette", Victor Light Opera Company (35756).
"The Student Prince in Heidelberg," "The Love Song", Victor Light Opera Company (35757).
"The Merry Widow", "The Chocolate Soldier", Victor Light Opera Company (35416).
"Robin Hood", Victor Light Opera Company (35784).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.33 p.m.—Close Down:

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Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day — King's Theatre: "The Santa Fe Trail."
To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Behind Office Doors."
To-day — Central Theatre; "Sin Takes A Holiday".
To-day — Majestic Theatre; "Doctors' Wives."
To-day — Star Theatre: "Gold Diggers of Broadway."

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Alster).

To-morrow—Inward from America (President Cleveland); Outward for America and Europe via Siberia (Empress of Canada), 10 a.m.

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To-morrow—At Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

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April 11—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, Cathedral Hall Office, 5.30 p.m.

April 13—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Limited, extraordinary meeting, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, noon.

April 14—Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, general meeting of importers, Chartered Bank Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

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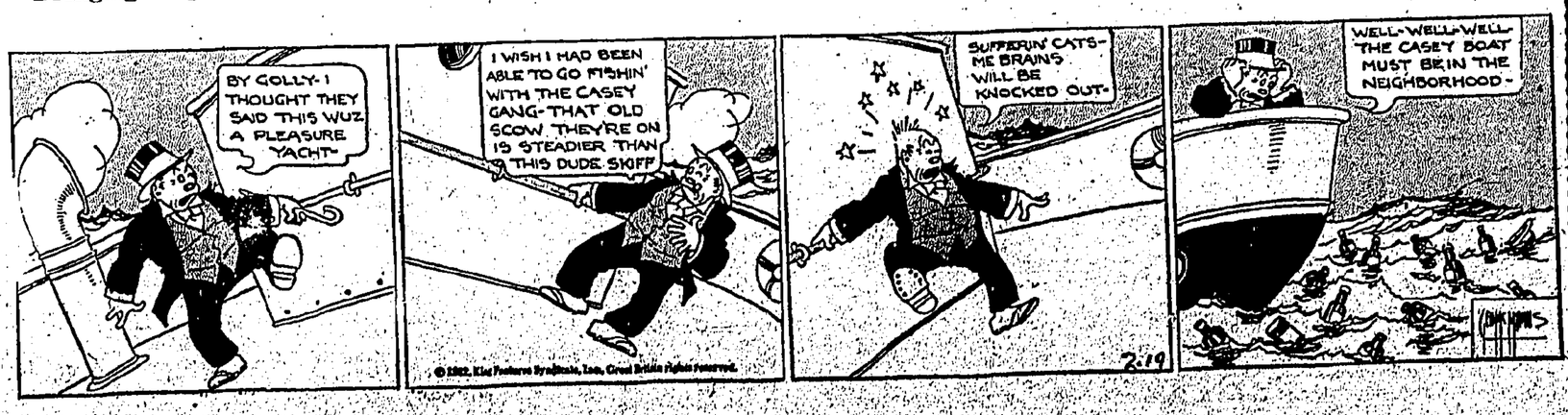

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

RUMJAHNS REACH THE FINAL.

Final Set Played Through Drizzle.

SPORTING LOSERS.

The semi-final game in the Open Doubles Championship between the Rumjahn cousins and the Lo brothers provided some excellent tennis at times, and all credit is due to the losers who fought back wonderfully in the third set.

The light was never very good at any time in the proceedings, but it became even worse at the conclusion of the third set when a downpour of rain sent the spectators scurrying to shelter. Under the circumstances it was very sporting on the part of the losers to agree to finish the match. Though they must have known that they were attempting an impossibility in trying conclusions with the Rumjahns in their present form, they might have found one or both off colour in the replay.

H. D. Rumjahn was the most prominent player of the four. He was marvellous overhead and his anticipation was uncanny. "S. A." displayed many splendid forehand winners, but he was apt to become a little too eager when up at the net. M. W. Lo was disappointing. He was deplorable overhead and his driving was not accurate due to his lack of constraint. He found that his best drives were being summarily dealt with by his opponents at the net and consequently he became a little wild in his placements. M. K. Lo showed admirable pluck in attempting to reach several of the shots so neatly put away by the Rumjahns, but his lack of speed proved too big a handicap. His overhead work was good and his lobbing won many valuable points.

The complete results of yesterday's play in the Lawn Tennis Championships were as follow:—

Open Doubles.

(Semi-final.)

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat M. W. and M. K. Lo 6-0, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1.

Club Championship.

(Semi-final.)

L. Goldman beat Henderson 6-1, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "A."

A. H. Harkins beat T. J. Price 7-5, 6-1.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Col. and Mrs. Lecky beat R. Hancock and Miss Hancock 6-3, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Doubles.

(Semi-final.)

E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman v. Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit (Stand Court at 4.30 p.m.)

Club Championship.

(Semi-final.)

Y. V. Segalen v. Sullivan.

Handicap Singles "A".

Lecky v. Foley.

Handicap Doubles.

Sewell and Wright v. Henderson and Monoghan.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Redmond and Mrs. James v. Gordon and Miss Thomas.

CHAMPIONS V. THE REST.

Sayer Captains League Against I.R.C.

For the first time in several years a Champions v. The Rest match will terminate the cricket season.

On Saturday the Rest will be fairly strongly represented. One or two prominent names, however, have been omitted from the published list—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. Hamilton, E. F. Fincher, and A. H. Musson to mention but a few.

The following are the teams:—

Champions (I.R.C.):—

A. A. Rumjahn (captain), F. D. Pereira, S. R. Kermani, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, S. A. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, J. S. A. Curreem, H. D. Rumjahn, and A. N. Other.

Reserve: I. S. A. Curreem.

Rest of the League:—

G. R. Sayer (captain), and J. E. Richardson (C.S.C.C.), E. C. Fincher and G. C. Burnett (K.C.C.), E. J. R. Mitchell and A. C. Beck (H.K.C.C.), Capt. Burnett (Royal Navy), L. T. Ride and D. J. N. Anderson (University), E. Zimmern and R. Lee (C.C.C.).

PHAR LAP DIES FROM COLIC.

Mr. David Davis Satisfied.

HIDE & SKELETON FOR AUSTRALIA.

Menlo Park, California.

Mr. David Davis, a co-owner of Phar Lap, is now satisfied that the wonder horse died from colic. An autopsy revealed that death was caused by nibbling fox tail or alfalfa grass or even sodden barley.

The co-owners, Messrs. Davis and Telford, are both stunned and heart-broken at their misfortune, and the former is arranging to have the hide and skeleton shipped to Australia for mounting purposes.—Reuter's American Service.

[It will be recalled that Phar Lap lamed his right foreleg by treading on a stone during vigorous training in preparation for the $50,000 handicap at Agua Caliente, Mexico, which incidentally he won.

Woodcock, the horse's trainer, was confident of a quick recovery, but Mr. David Davis was very anxious.]

ARSENAL DROP TWO MORE POINTS.

Liverpool Beat Chelsea at Home.

ABERDEEN WIN.

London, Yesterday.

The following were the results as cabled by Reuter of the matches played in to-day's League programme:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Liverpool	2	Chelsea	1
Sunderland	2	Arsenal	0
Huddersfield	1	Manchester C.	0

Third Division (North).

Chester	1	Crewe A.	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Kilmarnock	0	Aberdeen	2

CLUB DEFEAT THE POLICE.

Borderers Go Nap Against Recreio.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

First Division.

Borderers	5	Recreio	0
Club	3	Police	1

Second Division.

*Argylls v. R.A.O.C.

* Postponed.

Fowler Scores Twice.

On the Club ground yesterday the Club commenced with only ten men, and it was during this period that Dowman gave the Police the lead. Railton, however, made up the Club team and an entirely different aspect came over the game, and Fowler soon afterwards got his lead to a pass from S. Strange to score the equaliser.

Crossing over on level terms, it was some time before the Club could find the net though they were having the majority of the play. Fowler, however, succeeded in bundling the ball into the net as the result of a pass from Alexander, to give the Club the lead, and shortly before the final whistle, E. Strange placed the issue beyond doubt by scoring the Club's third goal.

Recreio Swamped.

At King's Park the Borderers defeated a very depleted Recreio side, which consisted of only nine men, A. V. Gosano being an absentee. Goals by Podmore, Channings and Jones placed the Borderers in a satisfactory position at the interval, and in the second half Channings added a further two goals against a weak and half-hearted defence.

H.K. AREA SMALL ARMS MEETING.

At the Kowloon Ranges To-day.

REGRETTED ABSENCE OF ARGYLES.

The Hong Kong Area Small Arms Meeting commences to-day at the Kowloon Ranges, lasting two days, and although this year it is to be regretted the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will not be here to compete owing to their continued absence in Shanghai, some very keen and interesting shooting should be witnessed.

It will be left to the South Wales Borderers and Jat Regiment, more or less, to "fight" for the major trophies, with the Small Departmental Units and Royal Artillery with a smattering of the Hong Kong Volunteers, competing only for the minor ones.

The meeting is under the patronage of Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. The President is Col. C. R. U. Saville, D.S.O., O.B.E., General Staff, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, again being Lieut. J. Baskervyle-Glegg, General Staff.

Providing the weather is kind, the meeting should prove very successful, for, according to the programme issued, the Committee have certainly taken advantage of last year's experiences, which was the first year of this particular meeting.

To-day the programme opens at 9.30 a.m., with the individual matches which will last all the morning, and will be continued at 1.30 p.m. with the "Light Automatic Competition," the revolver team match taking place at 3 p.m.

To-morrow at 9.30 a.m. will witness the "Platoon" match and at 1.30 p.m. the "Inter-Battery and Company Knock Out Competition." This latter last year seemed the keenest and most popular competition of the meeting, as every unit in the command has the opportunity of competing against one another.

In addition to the competitive matches there will be daily "shoots" at 300 yards, the "Decimal Stakes," "Pool Shoot" and the "Bungalow." The last mentioned should prove a much more enticing competition than the "Running Stag" of last year. It comprises a target resembling a Bungalow with two windows and a door. As soon as the firer is in position, a figure 4 will appear in one of the two windows or door or on either side of the Bungalow at ground level and will remain there for two seconds. The object of the firer is to hit the figure. Those doing so will share the takings.

Prize giving is scheduled for 3 p.m. to-morrow.

BARBARIANS WIN FIRST MATCH.

Good Commencement to Welsh Tour.

ALSO BEAT CARDIFF.

London, March 26.

The Barbarians won the first match of their Easter holiday Rugby tour by beating Penarth 22-16.

The following were the results of Rugby Union games played to-day:—

Swansea	20	Harlequins	3
Richmond	13	Portsmouth S.	18
Cardiff	8	Barbarians	14
Newport	11	L'don Welsh	10
Plymouth	17	O.M.T.	10
Bristol	13	Leicester	6
Bath	16	Northampton	6

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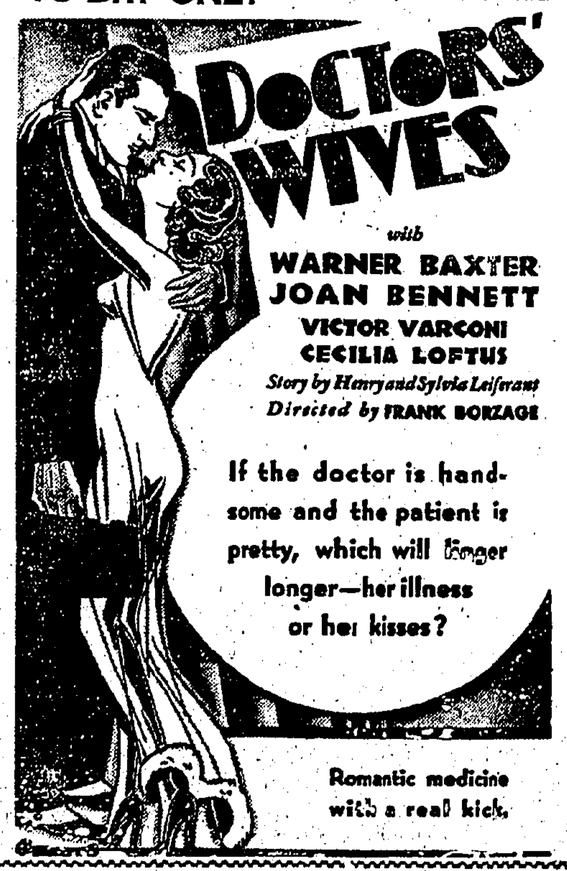

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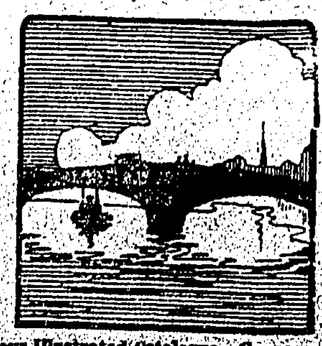

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H.K. HOCKEY CLUB DEFEATED.

Jats Win by Odd Goal in Five.

CLUB UNFORTUNATE.

The Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven suffered defeat by the odd goal in five against the 3/9 Jats Regiment on the Marina ground yesterday afternoon. It was a fast game and, after being three goals in arrears at one stage of the game, the Club made a remarkable though unavailing recovery.

On the whole, the Club deserved to win, as their tactics brightened up considerably in the latter stages when their forwards pressed very heavily.

In the first half, the Jats took the lead early on through Jalil, who sent in a very fast rising shot, as the result of a short corner hit. The Club retaliated but were held at bay by the Jats defence. Play in the second half was featured by the clever stick work and accurate passing of the Jats. As the result of a neat forward line movement, Lieut. Syer broke through and scored with a scoop shot that had Sapsed well beaten. Shortly after, the Jats registered their third goal through Woodward, who, in trying to save a shot in the area, deflected it into his own goal.

Concentrated attacks were made by the Club forwards, from one of which Divett scored with a one-handed shot from a rebound. Before the termination of the game, the Club notched their second goal through E. V. Reed, who fell full length to find the net.

Result:—

3/9 Jats	3
Club	2

Club:—R. W. Sapsed; W. Woodward, J. Rodger; W. Reed, A. A. Dand, E. V. Reed; D. Brittain Evans, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, J. E. Potter, and J. L. Tetley.

PUTTING THE BRAKE ON LINDRUM.

If Close Cannon Plays Is Stopped.

London, March 8.

Controversy has again broken out upon the question of close-cannon play in billiards, because the controlling body has not yet decided to deal with the matter.

Since Lindrum showed how easy it is to play this shot almost interminably, and thus pile up points rapidly, and without skill or effort, there is—those who are interested in the game as a sport declare—a danger of beautiful and really scientific strokes disappearing.

Such is the feeling on the matter that it seems impossible that the question can be ignored much longer.

"As a matter of fact," an expert of Messrs. Burroughes and Watts told a Star representative, "it is not unlikely that there will be a revision of the rules, and I think we shall hear something definite soon.

"At the moment," he explained, "a player is allowed to make 35 consecutive ball-to-ball cannons. After that he must make a ball-cushion-ball cannon, or play a hazard.

"The introduction of the ball-cushion-ball rule came when the pendulum cannons became the vogue, and it was devised to prevent a player from carrying on with this stroke alone.

"Many people at the time thought the rule would not have the desired effect, and players such as Lindrum, McConachy and others have shown that that view was right.

"If close-cannons were barred now the scoring abilities of some of the most famous players would be very greatly restricted.

"Others, such as Willie Smith and his protege, Sidney Smith, who do not use the close cannon, would not be handicapped at all.

"They are good all-round players, and their position among the crack players would be considerably enhanced."

Whilst walking in Portland Street yesterday, Chung Man-kwong, (23), a plumber of the Yau Lee firm of building contractors, was struck on the head by a stone which fell from the first floor level of a house under construction. He was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital, in a serious condition.

ST. ANDREW'S CLUB.

Members at "Play."

STAGE SUCCESSES.

Members of St. Andrew's Club added to their record of stage successes, when they presented two short sketches, "The Old Lady Lost" both by Ronald Jeans, and a Shows Her Muddles" and "Not two-act comedy, "Wurzel-Flummery" by A. A. Milne. A large and appreciative audience received these plays which were performed in St. Andrew's Church Hall, last night.

A novel programme of entertainment was also provided, those contributing to its success being Miss F. Walker, who sang "Homing" and "In An Old Fashioned Town," and Mr. Ronnie True, who delighted with a number of selections on the piano, including "Happy" the theme song of "Sunshine Susie."

In "The Old Lady Shows Her Muddles," Aletha Hirst, who will be remembered for her fine work in "Miss Hook of Holland," scored heavily as Mrs. Parish, who attempted to cultivate the modes of society but made a hash of everything! Good support came from Rupert Baldwin (as the Rev. Paul Parish), whilst Pat White and Irene Gittins helped in minor parts, that of Freddie and Joyce, respectively.

The second sketch "Not Lost" had its settings in a hospital ward, and was most amusing, especially when toward the end the doctor (Reginald Woolley) entered in search of his umbrella. Dick Wong as the patient, and John Baldwin as the convalescent were good.

During the interval, gramophone records, kindly loaned by Dr. K. H. Uttley were played on a Marconi Superheterogram which was kindly lent by Messrs. Rudolf Wolff & Kew, Ltd., for the occasion.

A. A. Milne's play "Wurzel-Flummery" told of the amusing situation arising out of two M.P's. being left with a legacy of £50,000 each, with the condition that they change their name to Wurzel-Flummery. As Robert Crawshaw, M.P., Sidney Edgar was convincing, in both speech and action.. But, perhaps, the best performance of all was that of Stephen Sweet, who, as Denis Clifton, the solicitor, whose uncle Anthony had left the legacies, was responsible for much laughter.

Winnifred Robinson (as Margaret Crawshaw), Maud White (as Viola Crawshaw), N. Victor Halward (as Richard Meriton, M.P.) and Reginald Woolley (as Lancelot Dodd, the office clerk) gave the principals good support.

The modern furniture used in the first act, which depicted the morning room of Robert Crawshaw's town house, was designed by Athena, and made by Jones', Nathan Road.

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"KNOCKED OUT" BY WOMEN.

Boxer Awarded A Franc.

Paris.

Mme. Violette Morris, the well-known sportswoman, and her friend, Mme. Charlotte Lefebvre, who were sued by a boxer named Shapira on the ground that they "knocked him out" when he visited Mme. Morris's flat a few months ago, have lost their case. They were ordered when they appeared before the 10th Correction Chamber to pay one franc damages. A recent amnesty law saved them from any heavier penalty.

Mme. Morris, who was involved in a legal action some time ago concerning a woman's right to wear shorts on a sports field, was accused of having lured the boxer to her flat with the intention of injuring him.

INFIDELITY CURE.

Vicar's Annual Marriage Service "Refresher".

A suggestion that every man and his wife each year should read over the marriage service to refresh their memories of the solemn occasion as a way of sustaining fidelity is made by the Rev. Alfred Eames, vicar of Crawshawbooth, Rossendale, Lancashire, in the parish magazine. He states that some of the cases from the Leeds and Cambridge Assizes might have provided "spicy" reading for those whose tastes desired it, and sadness and concern for others.

"It is not our fault," he says, "that husbands in London seek the companionship of other men's wives. We do not gauge our standard of morality from either London or Paris."

THE STIFFKEY CASE.

Defence Funds Exhausted.

PROSECUTION MAKES AN OFFER.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Yesterday.

There was consternation in Church House, Westminster, to-day, when counsel for the Rector of Stiffkey, announced that the small fund available for his defence was exhausted and, therefore, solicitors for the defence have to withdraw. The only alternative will be for the Rector to defend himself, which he was willing to do.

The prosecution later offered, for the time being, to put £250 at the disposal of the defence and will consider a further advance if necessary when that has been expended.

PROPOSED SILVER CONFERENCE.

U.S. to Invite Britain's Participation?

Washington, Yesterday.

The House of Representatives' coinage sub-committee has decided to ask the State Treasury Department's advice on inviting Britain to participate in an international silver conference. — Reuter's American Service.

SOVIET RAILWAYS.

An Efficiency Campaign Launched.

Riga, Yesterday.

Immediate measures are being taken by the Soviet to increase the efficiency of Soviet railways in Siberia and the Far East by the establishment of special administration headquarters in Irkutsk to exploit and, if necessary, to increase the capacity of the railway. This will be the first move.

M. Kishkin, Deputy Commissar of Transport, has been appointed Chief Administrator. — Reuter.

CANTON LEADERS TO BE REPRESENTED IN NANKING.

Shanghai, To-day.

The Cantonese Leader, General Chen Chai-tang, is to have a permanent representative at Nanking, and General Yang Teh-chao will probably be appointed to the post. — Reuter's Pacific Service.

ATTRACTING THE CROWD.

B. H. Lyon Suggests Time Limit.

NEW COMPETITION.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club at Bristol, Mr. B. H. Lyon, captain of the team, said: "To run a first-class cricket side costs money, and 80 per cent. of that money has to be taken at the gates. Consequently something must go on inside those gates sufficiently interesting to attract the crowd.

"The young men and women who now spend their shilling watching dirt-track riders risk their lives or greyhounds tearing round race-tracks, or gangster films, constitute the type of crowd you have to attract to-day. We must do something, and there is clearly only one thing to try. The clock must come into the game more often. Allow a batting side three hours only in which to get its runs, and I challenge anyone to tell me how you have spoiled first-class cricket.

"Six hours play will give you a decision. Why not have a knock-out competition on these lines, the final to be played at Lord's or the Oval, and all the profit divided equally between competing countries?"

POST OFFICE CLERK IMPRISONED.

Magistrate's Decision in Serious Case.

A DETERRENT.

In the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones gave his decision in the case in which Tang Yuk-hung, alias Tang Yee-chau, a clerk employed in the Dead Letter Office, of the General Post Office, who was charged with the theft of postal matter, forgery of bank drafts on the Yat Yik Import and Export firm, to the total of $506, and obtaining money by false pretences.

His Worship said he had given the case most earnest consideration. It was his duty to remember that the most important side of the punishment was its deterrent effect. In this case, defendant, holding a confidential position in the Post Office, had committed a grave offence, which could not be tolerated. He had no alternative but to sentence the defendant to the full term of six months' hard labour.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell appeared for the Crown, and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton for the defence. Mr. P. M. Hodgson represented the firm concerned in the case.

CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

And "Bogus Manchurian Government."

Nanking, To-day.

A Foreign Office Spokesman said that the Foreign Office of the Nationalist Government is expecting a note from the "Bogus Manchurian Government" objecting to Dr. Wellington Koo visiting Manchuria, but the note had not yet been received. He added that, if it arrives, the Foreign Office will not be able to officially receive a note from the "Rebel Government." — Reuter's Pacific Service.

NEW RADIO STATION FOR CHINA.

Nanking, To-day.

The Minister of Communications announces that the Government is making preparations for the establishment of a new and powerful radio station capable of communicating directly with any station in the world.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

Japan ..... Ginyo Maru
Shanghai and Swatow ..... Sunning

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, March 19) ..... President Cleveland
Japan and Shanghai ..... Corfu

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

Shanghai and Swatow ..... Shantung

MONDAY, APRIL 11.

Manila ..... President Hoover

TUESDAY, APRIL 12.

Japan and Shanghai ..... General Metzinger
Australia and Manila ..... Changte

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.

Shanghai ..... Gange

THURSDAY, APRIL 14.

Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., March 26) ..... Empress of Russia

SATURDAY, APRIL 16.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 18) ..... President Hayes

OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Alster	4.30 p.m.
Manila	Kentucky	4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Shun Chih	4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Takada	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C. ..	Empress of Canada (Due Vancouver, B.C., April 26 and *Europe via Siberia.) Parcels .....Apr. 7, 5 p.m. Registration ..Apr. 8, 9.15 a.m. Letters .....10 a.m.	

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

Shanghai	Chastine Maersk ...	12.30 p.m.
Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Vogtland	12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	1 p.m.
Manila	Tacoma	3.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ..	King Yuan	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Corfu (Due Marseilles, May 6.)	

K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Parcels .....Apr. 8, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels .....Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
Registration .....Apr. 9, 9 a.m.	Registration ..Apr. 9, 9.45 a.m.
Letters .....10 a.m.	Letters .....10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

Amoy	Anhui	5 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10.

Saigon	Tjipanas	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	9 a.m.
Sandakan	Hin Sang	9 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12.

Saigon and *Europe via Marseilles	General Metzinger (Due Marseilles, May 14.)	

K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration ..Apr. 12, 10 a.m.	Registration ..Apr. 12, 1.15 p.m.
Letters .....1 p.m.	Letters .....2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching ..... 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.

*Straits & *Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus (Due Marseilles, May 12.)	

K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration ....Apr. 13, 9 a.m.	Registration .Apr. 13, 9.45 a.m.
Letters .....10 a.m.	Letters .....10.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Brindisi	Gange (Due Brindisi, May 5.)	

K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration ....Apr. 13, 3 p.m.	Registration ..Apr. 13, 3.45 p.m.
Letters .....4 p.m.	Letters .....4.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14.

Manila	Empress of Russia ..	5 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	2 p.m.

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While attempting to search a suspected person at Shamshuipo on the morning of April 5, an Indian Constable, was fired upon with a revolver in Boundary Street, and seriously injured.

The injured man was conscious when found, and while being removed to Hospital made a statement. He said that he saw a man crouching down at the rear of the flower garden where the attack took place. A full story of the outrage is given in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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Pursuing their investigation in connection with the murder of Fung Hin, alias George Fung, at Village Road on the night of March 24, the Police, it is understood, have now rounded up four persons, alleged to have some connection with the crime. They are now in custody pending further enquiries. The case is reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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One of the most interesting regattas to be held in Hong Kong for some years took place on April 2, in the nature of a triangular contest, when the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club entertained watermen from Manila and Canton at North Point.

Weather conditions were excellent for the sailing events, although it was a trifle choppy for rowing, and a good afternoon's sport was witnessed by a large crowd. The event is reported in detail in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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The Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D. D., Bishop of Victoria, who is shortly leaving for Home to take up the Canonry of Worcester Cathedral, presented his farewell sermon in St. John's Cathedral on April 3. The service was bilingual, Dean Swann conducting the ritual in English, followed by Archdeacon Mok, who spoke in Chinese. The sermon is reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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Mr. P. T. Farrell, who presided at the annual meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, reported a successful year. Occasion was also taken to make a presentation to Mr. G. J. Harman, Launch Inspector of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and Vice-Chairman of the Institute, who is retiring shortly. The presentation included a gift for Mrs. Harman. Both the meeting and the presentation are chronicled in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.*

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Japan's Troubles.

In spite of Japan's so-called successes in Manchuria and in and about Shanghai, Japanese leaders, the civil heads in particular, cannot feel any too easy to-day when they review the events of the past few months. The Manchurian campaign may have been cleverly planned, but over-confidence, misjudgment of Chinese feelings, amazing under-estimation of Chinese ability to offer strenuous opposition and to hit back, coupled with the perpetration of one blunder after another gave to their subsequent activities a different complexion. There is little doubt now that Japan has been forced into a position which is not at all advantageous to her.

As anticipated, the League of Nations has been shown to be, more or less, impotent to cope with an outbreak of war. But, what was not forseen was the solid mass of public opinion, emanating from all parts of the world, which has been voiced against the warlike acts directed from Tokyo. That this opinion, amounting in some parts to indignation and resentment, has already taken effect in real form is now apparent to Japanese leaders, and there are many in Japanese commercial circles who rue the aggressive policy pursued by the warlords who exercise to-day so peculiar a dominance in Japan. In the eyes of the world Japan has forfeited much of that prestige which was her's formerly, and it will be long before some countries grow less suspicious when attention is focussed on Japan's policy in the Orient.

In view of the presence in the Far East of the League of Nations' Commission of Enquiry, headed by Lord Lytton, the question of apportioning blame for what has occurred in Manchuria and in Shanghai is *sub judice*. The correct attitude has been adopted by the Powers' representatives in Shanghai, who, acting as mediators, are not concerning themselves with the rights and wrongs of the case but are concentrating on accomplishing something practical — the conclusion of an agreement which will ensure a permanent cessation of hostilities in and about Shanghai. But, without probing into the subject in all its aspects, it is evident that whatever the provocation (if provocation there was) many of Japan's actions cannot be condoned. The ardour and zeal of many of the Japanese troops and their undisciplined ronins at times exceeded all reason. The ruins of Chapei and the death-roll of Chinese citizzens (including women and children) bear witness to this fact.

In Japan itself to-day conditions are unsettled and the business outlook gloomy. Not all of this is to be attributed to the aggressive foreign policy pursued in Manchuria, but the depression has been aggravated since that policy was carried into the field of battle. To a country not yet fully recovered from the disaster of the 1923 earthquake (the interest alone on the loans raised abroad, mainly in the United States, for the purpose of restoring the devastated areas, amounts to a very high figure) the expenses of the recent campaigns constitute a very heavy burden. And, after a harassed Government had experienced difficulty in floating the war loans, the banks, already sorely pressed, were called upon to back the expenses. Bankers, financiers, commercial leaders and politicians in Tokyo are perturbed at the present situation and at the many signs of foreboding for the future. Trade returns reveal disturbing unfavourable balances of imports over exports; many foreign markets are almost closed to Japan; loans and bills are maturing for payment; the value of the yen has decreased over thirty per cent. since the abandonment of the gold standard in December last; and local business is in a serious way. The invasion of Shanghai has seen the trade with China—so important a part of Japan's commerce—come practically to a standstill, and, while the proposed economic blockade was never adopted by any country, a blockade of sorts is now in effect consequent upon the hardening of public opinion. Many people, particularly pacifists in the United States, are deliberately abstaining from buying Japanese goods. Japan's export trade will be affected for some time to come, and in the long struggle to stabilize her financial position which is before her Japan will have ample opportunity to reflect upon the wisdom of warring in the face of world disapproval and outspoken opposition.

Apart, but not dissociated from financial troubles, Japan is passing through a period of internal disorders. Strikes have taken place in the industrial cities of Osaka and Tokyo, the assassinations of two of the nation's outstanding financial figures have shocked the people to a realization of the danger existing from the activities of fanatical patriotic bands of youths; the depression is increasing the ranks of the unemployed daily; and, in the midst of all this stress, the radical movement is making alarming progress.

Predictions are, at the moment, problematical rather than sure, but Japan will need an extraordinary spirit of optimism to find cause for congratulation in the events of the past eight months.

News in Brief.

Lowest open air temperature yesterday was 71. Humidity at 10 a.m. was 87 and at 4 p.m. 79.

Two cases of small-pox, one of diphtheria and two of meningitis were notified yesterday.

Up to and including Thursday, March 31, the St. John Ambulance Brigade has vaccinated—free of charge—100,597 persons.

For reasons of economy the Admiralty have decided to close the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve sub-divisions at Manchester, Newport and Eastbourne.

The new submarine Delfical has been completed for Roumania at Trieste. At her trials she is said to have shown herself to be the fastest submarine in the Mediterranean.

The tank motor-ship Pan Gothia, of 15,500 tons capacity, and built for the Alse Shipping Company of Goteborg in that town, has accomplished her test. She has two Diesel motors of 4,800 h.p. and is the largest vessel ever built in Sweden.

The Broadcasting Committee's monthly report for March stated that the actual hours of transmission totalled 261.75, of which 152.25 were devoted to European programmes and 109.50 to Chinese programmes. The number of new licences issued during the month was 31, and renewals numbered 80.

Personal Pars.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Hubert Brand, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., completes his three years in command of the Plymouth station on October 8.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Captain Albert Frank Horden, of the C. P. S. Likin, and Eva Margaret Rogers, of the Municipal Hospital, Shanghai.

Before the District Officer South (Mr. J. S. Maclaren), yesterday afternoon, a Chinese youth, named Shing Yung-on, was charged with rape and attempted rape of a 15-year-old girl, named Wong Kiu, the daughter of an opium divan keeper in Hang Hau village, Saikung, New Territories. In the course of evidence the girl admitted that she had had previous relations with the accused. Mr. P. H. Sin, for the defence, suubmitted that the accused had no case to answer, and his Worship agreeing, discharged the accused.

MONEY LEFT.

Four Large Local Estates.

MRS. J. E. WOOTTON.

Jemima Elizabeth Wootton, widow, who died at 59, Wickham Road, Brockley, Kent, on November 25, 1931, left estate in the Colony valued at $21,000, with net personalty at Home amounting to £11,265.1.8.

The Supreme Court has granted re-sealing of a certified copy of probate of the will, with codicil annexed, to the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, solicitor, attorney for the testatrix's sister, Alice Chambers Biden, of 74, Hayes Road, Bromley, Kent, who is the sole executrix named in the will.

A Consul's Estate.

Estate in Hong Kong valued at $7,400, with undeclared personalty elsewhere, was left by Sinebaldo Francisco Wenceslau Gracias, otherwise Symy Garcias, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, merchant of Hanoi, Indo-China, and Consul for Portugal in that City, who died intestate on August 28, 1929, at Avenue Van Vollenhoven, Hanoi where his office was at 34, Quai Clemenceau.

He was a bachelor and surviving him are a sister, Helena Maria de Conceicao Gracias, and three brothers, Joao Jacques Lima Gracias, Miguel Querubino Gracias, and Eduardo Augusto Gracias, all of Macao. The sister and M.Q., and E.A. Gracias have renounced their rights to administer the estate in favour of J.J.L. Gracias.

Letters of administration have, therefore, been granted by the Supreme Court to Mr. C. A. da Rozs, local exchange broker, who is the lawful attorney of J.J.L. Gracias.

Chinese Merchant's $29,000.

Un Shu-tong, alias Un Shu, alias Un Shai-shik, who died at Fau Un Lane, Kowloon, Sanwui district, Kwangtung, on November 9, 1931, left local estate valued at $29,500.

In his will he appointed his younger brother, Un Shu-fan, described as an assistant compradore, of 112, Des Vœux Road Central, as his sole executor, and probate of the will has accordingly been granted to the latter by the Supreme Court.

Widow Explains Delay.

Wong Yeung-shi, widow, of 9, Staunton Street, has been granted letters of administration of the estate, worth $5,400, of her late husband, Wong Kit-ting, merchant, who died on September 4, 1923, at 25, Chiu Lung Street, second floor, Hong Kong. In addition to his lawful widow and relict, the deceased is survived by two sons, both of whom are now of age.

The widow, in her petition to the Supreme Court, stated that the reason why she did not apply sooner for letters of administration was because her husband's property in Hong Kong consisted of 25 shares of the Kwong Sang Hong, Ltd., and it was only recently, when making an attempt to deal with the shares, that she became aware of the necessity of letters of administration.

MR. THOMAS LOWE

Song Recital Next Thursday.

THE PROGRAMME.

Below is the programme of the Song Recital to be given by Mr. Thomas Lowe at the Helena May Institute this evening:—

I. Violette ..... Scarlatti,
Disporiente "Faust" .. Gounod
Prologue of "Pagliacci" ..... Leoncavallo
II. Piano Trio ..... Arensky
III. The Wanderer ..... Schubert
My Abode ..... Schubert
VI. The Blind Ploughman . Clarke
To Daisies ..... Quilter
Invictus ..... Huhn
Tally-Ho! ..... Leoni
V. Violin Solo ..... Selected
VI. Indian Love Lyrics:
Less Than The Dust .. Finden
Till I Awake ..... Finden
Rolling Down To Rio . German

CIGARETTES OR COFFIN NAILS?

"WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD NOT SMOKE."

(By R.B.I.)

As I was sitting after breakfast smoking a comfortable cigarette and opening the morning's letters, says R.B.I. in the Manchester Guardian, a folded leaflet fell out of one envelope, with the following sentence uppermost:—

Dr. Waterhouse, Linnæus had placed in his natural arrangement, tobacco in the class luridæ (sic), which signifies pale, ghastly, livid, dismal, and fatal. There, sir, think of that definition! would you like your own face to be pale, your wife's ghastly, your son's livid, and your daughter's dismal? Besides, the same naturalist classes tobacco with 'foxglove, henbane, deadly nightshade, lobelia, and other poisonous plants bearing the tremendous name "Atropa," one of the furies. Look at that, sir; one of the furies pressing your lips, disturbing your heart, deranging digestion, untwisting your nerves, and torturing your brains.

In spite of its curious English, its meaning was plain enough, far too plain, indeed, for the purpose of its compiler. For, though certainly a horrid thing for a man to read who was quietly smoking what the author likes to call the "Noxious Weed," I could not conscientiously say that my own face is pale, or my wife's ghastly, while my daughter's is certainly not dismal. Nor does a cigarette give me a sensation anything like that of a fury pressing my lips (I almost wish it did), whilst if it untwisted my nerves I should have imagined that that would have done them good, and taught them a lesson to leave me alone, especially when the dentist's drill gets busy on them.

So I unfolded the leaflet, and looked at it. I had, it seemed, begun at the wrong end, for the proper beginning was a picture. In it are four clergymen seated at a table all immaculately dressed in frock coats. Two are old and two young. Three of them are puffing cigars, but the fourth, one of the young ones, is standing with hand upraised. Before him is an enormous open copy of the Bible, and he has placed his cigar, burning, not on the ashtray, but on the cloth. Standing there, he declaims, "Fellow-brethren, as an example to others, here and now I resolve to give up smoking." The fellow-brethren look at him with blank astonishment, as well they might, and one hopes that they are preparing to administer corporal punishment for bumptious priggishness. It is strange that some people should seriously imagine that the clergy, to whom presumably this leaflet was sent broadcast, are of a type to be specially moved by a picture of such arrant self-righteousness.

After that there follow Fifty Bible and Medical Reasons why Christians should not smoke. A few of them are sound. That smoking uses money which might be better employed is certainly an argument. But that the Second Coming is imminent does not seem to affect the point. Here is another possible reason. "Because in railway carriages smokers waste precious saliva, expectorating everywhere" (but not all of us do that), "losing the blessing of digestion, creating at the same time a fog leaving germs behind." But when the writer goes on to claim that contrariwise "in non-smoking compartments the atmosphere is clear and the floor clean" one can only suppose that he has not travelled much lately, nor has read the correspondence on this point in this paper a few months ago.

But there are other reasons why we should "away with the weed." Did you know, for instance, that smoking is responsible "for men having short daughters and short sons, as this happens where men commence in early life?" Had you realised that "God promises more spiritual joy without the pipe?" I confess that I should like to see biblical evidence for this, but the author, though very profuse with his texts, gives no reference in this case.

The whole thing ends with a short poem comparing the two chief engines of man's destruction, guns and tobacco pipes. The pipe is the worse.

However, both in effects accursed;
For guns shoot fromward to their foes,
Tobacco pipes homeward to their own,
When for the touch-hole firing the wrong end,
Into ourselves the poison's force we send.

That is, presumably, eighteenth century, but though I have a great admiration for that century, and even a little for the pertinacity and the credulity of the compiler of this leaflet, I think I shall continue to smoke.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of April 7, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 13/16.

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The second day of the Prince's visit has been favoured with better weather, an occasional gleam of sunshine breaking through the clouds. Yesterday our Royal visitor had a very busy day playing in a polo match in the afternoon and attending a banquet at Government House. In the evening, while the illuminations and fish lantern procession were both too good to miss. His Royal Highness spent a quiet time in the morning until about 11 o'clock, when he met the school children on the cricket ground. Thereafter he proceeded to the Pavilion where he received the University's honorary degree, laid the foundation stone of St. Stephen's Girls' College, and received a Masonic address. Having lunched with the Admiral on board the "Alacrity" he proceeded to Happy Valley for the Races. This evening's engagements include a Chinese banquet and the Pavilion Ball.

FAMOUS JUDGE PLANS TO RETIRE

MOST DISCUSSED PERSONALITY OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

Probable Lecture Tour.

The Daily Express states that it understands Mr. Justice McCardie, the most-discussed personality of the legal profession, will shortly resign from the Bench.

This decision is not a sudden one, and has no connection whatever with the criticisms passed on him by the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Avory in the Court of Criminal Appeal recently.

The criticism was in the course of the appeal of a man who received a sentence of four years' penal servitude from Mr. Justice McCardie which was reduced to eighteen months' hard labour by the Court of Criminal Appeal.

Extra Period.

Mr. Justice McCardie, at the trial, had been reported as criticising the "unnecessary reductions of sentences by the Court of Criminal Appeal," and it was to this report, as well as to some features of the trial, that Lord Hewart and Mr Justice Avory took strong exception.

It is likely that the famous bachelor judge's resignation would have been announced before this, but when the salaries of judges, were "voluntarily cut" last year he decided to carry on for some time rather than appear to be leaving the Bench for financial reasons.

There have been strong attempts to persuade Mr. Justice McCardie to undertake a lecture tour in America. It is probable that he will accept the offer when in a position to do so.

In addition, he is certain to turn to writing, and is already planning a book based on his experiences.

Journalism.

It is not improbable that he will take up journalism so as to enlarge his platform for the many social reforms dear to his heart.

Mr. Justice McCardie has been a judge since 1916, and is one of the few junior barristers who have been promoted to the judicial Bench without "taking silk."

Before his elevation to the Bench he was the most sought after junior of his day.

Within a few years he built up a huge practice, and he was stated in 1915 to be making more than £20,000 a year.

He was recognised as the outstanding authority on common law, and appeared in most of the celebrated cases of his time. His last appearance in such a case was in the famous Cornwallis-West case in 1916.

Though he was a bachelor, his work in the Divorce Courts showed a deep understanding of domestic and matrimonial life.

For a time, a succession of cases concerning women's dresses earned him the title of "The Dress Disputes Judge," and many of his judgments in cases of peculiarly feminine interest are already famous.

The recent Cambridge "Helen of Troy" case was heard by him, and he has attained considerable prominence recently by his advocacy from the Bench of a change in the law on abortion.

Famous cases which have come before him and cases in which he has made striking comments include the following:—

May 1922.—Ronald True, sentenced to death at the Old Bailey.

May and June 1924.—The O'Dwyer Case, General O'Dwyer brought an action against Sir Sankara Nair, which raised the whole issue of the Amritsar riots, 1919. The judge expressed the view that the general had been wrongly punished by the Secretary of State for India.

March 1925.—The Dennistoun Suit. Mrs. Dennistoun claimed from her former husband. The jury awarded £5,000 to Mrs. Dennistoun, which the judge ruled, however, that she could not recover. The case cost £30,000.

January 1927.—Action against Paquin, Ltd., by Mrs. Fox Pitt. "I should say that a new hat has three aspects, if well made. It is a treasure, a triumph and a tonic.

Not Worth Mentioning.

October 1931.—Mrs. Bermel v. Mr. Bernard Breskal and wife, for £99 14s. 6d. clothing supplied. The judge said: "A husband is so unimportant in these days that he is hardly worth mentioning."

November 1931.—Mrs. Gilbert Frankau's Dress Bill Case. £265 claimed. "You offer a modern society woman an excellent red flannel petticoat, and she will never forgive you" said the judge.

December 1931.—Cases affecting Birth Control. "My view is that the attitude and substance of the law of abortion should be changed, and changed soon."

December 1931.—Attempted murder of a wife. "One blessed feature about women is that they forgive men.

OUR PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

Loss on Last Play Due to Many Circumstances.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW VENUE.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton presided at the annual meeting of the Philharmonic Society which was held in the St. John Cathedral Hall last evening, and was well attended.

The Chairman stated, inter alia:—

In my speech last year I congratulated the members of the Society on the fact that the Society had never been in a better way both as regards finance and membership. Regarding the former, you will see from the accounts that a substantial loss was sustained on "Miss Hcok of Holland" the result being that on February 29 our bank balance was only $25.70. I am pleased to say, however, that a satisfactory amount due from sundry debtors has been paid since that date.

As to membership you will see that there has been a gratifying increase in the number of Vice-Presidents, and I should like to thank these gentlemen for their support of the Society. Ordinary members are down by fourteen but still remain well over one hundred.

Causes of Failure.

The failure of "Miss Hook of Holland" was due to a number of circumstances which I hope will not arise again. In the first place the scenery and properties proved unexpectedly expensive, notwithstanding the loan of a considerable amount of the former from the A.D.C., to whom our best thanks are due. The rise in the dollar after the departure of Great Britain from the Gold Standard and the economy measures necessary to balance the Home Budget, both of which had the effect of reducing salaries in this Colony, were also contributory factors, while the departure from the Society's policy of selling exchange vouchers owing to the difficulty of collecting the money , ossibly affected the houses.

Obituary.

Last year I had to make reference to the death of our old friend Mr. A. J. J. Brock, this year another enthusiastic supporter of the Society has been taken from us in Mrs. McLeod. She was always to the forefront giving of her best and by her death the Society sustains a great loss. To Mr. McLeod and her two sons we offer our deepest sympathy.

On Good Friday evening members of the Society assisted Mr. Mason at the Cathedral, the result being a most appropriate rendering of the music sung.

No Venue for Shows.

You know, of course, that we shall not be able to use the Theatre Royal again for performances. Negotiations have already been opened regarding performances in another theatre. Whether this will be possible or not will be a matter for the new committee to decide, also the opera to be produced. With reference to the latter enquiries have been made regarding "Tantivy Towers" which is now released for amateur performance, and "The Fountain of Youth" both of which were on in London last year, but answers have not yet been received.

The report and accounts were duly adopted.

New Officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President.—Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Hon. Secretary.— Mr. H. J. Best.

Hon. Treasurer. — Mr. D. Buchanan

Committee.—Messrs. T. V. Harmon and J. W. Baldwin, Mrs. J. H. Shaw and Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs.

The election of the Hon. Conductor and Hon. Producer was left to the in-coming committee.

King's Theatre's Price.

Replying to a question with regard to the negotiations for a venue for producing plays, Mr. H. J. Best stated that he had inquired from the King's Theatre and found the fee demanded was $800 a night, on account of having to buy out the picture. This figure, however, was not so formidable as it appeared at first sight, for whereas in the case of the Theatre Royal the rent was only $120 per night, other items had to be met such as attendants, booking, advertising, etc. In the case of the King's Theatre all these additional items were included in the $800. One big point, said Mr. Best, was the question of lighting, which would be supplied by the King's Theatre, and which in the case of the City Hall had cost $350 on the last occasion a play was produced.

Bigger Accommodation.

Another important consideration was that whereas in the case of the Theatre Royal only 500 people could be accommodated, a number of whom were inconvenienced by intervening pillars, the King's Theatre could afford an unobstructed view for 1,200 persons. Again, this bigger accommodation would enable them to put on fewer shows, thereby reducing overhead and incidental expenses, such as paying for professional orchestral service and refreshments.

The One Drawback.

The drawback about the King's Theatre was the question of rehearsal and the necessity of getting started at 9.30 after the cinema performance ended at 9 p.m. The prices, it was indicated, would still be $3, $2 and $1.

A suggestion was put forward, and approved, to the effect that if negotiations for a stage broke down, it might be possible to organise a concert affording plenty of scope for choral work to members of the society.

MORE MEN FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Shortage of Clergy Being Made Good.

SPONSORSHIP SCHEME RESULTS.

There are signs that the shortage of clergy in the Church of England may soon be made good.

More than one speaker at the opening of the Spring session of the Church Assembly — held at Church House, Westminster — remarked that there was a tendency for the position to improve.

The discussion was introduced by the Bishop of Manchester, Dr. Guy Warman, who was one of those who saw reason for optimism. He reported that twelve hundred men had been ordained since 1919, either through funds raised by the Church Assembly, or through the Sponsorship Scheme.

A remarkable analysis of the situation was made by the Warden of Keble College, Oxford, Dr. B. J. Kidd. He observed that of 70 freshmen admitted to his College last October, 29 came with the intention of taking Holy Orders.

The most serious difficulty, he pointed out, was now the financial question common to men destined for every kind of calling.

Changes at the University.

"Fifty per cent. of the students of the University of Oxford," he said, "are there largely through extraneous assistance. The whole character of the University has in consequence changed, in that respect. It is not a University consisting of the well-to-do; but rather the contrary. At any rate the proportion is about half and half.

"People sometimes complain that it is the future clergy who specially need support. Not at all. It is the future occupants of all sorts of positions in life—agriculturists and schoolmasters. I need not go through the list. That is the characteristic feature of our times.

"The Church Assembly is moving with the times in securing support for men sent to the Universities for training for the ministry. If the clergy fall behind their congregations in the education which they have enjoyed, the Church will, in the end, suffer. There are large waiting lists of men at present in the hands of principals of theological colleges. Applications have had to be postponed or turned down."

The clergy as a whole, Dr. Kidd continued, were changing, in that they had smaller resources of their own than a generation ago.

"The result is," he added," that as time goes on with the falling income of the clergy and the rising responsibilities of those incomes, it will be extremely difficult for them to accept benefices offered to them. We must anticipate the time coming when a large number of clergy will find difficulty in accepting promotion when they become ripe in experience for it."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

In Buoyant Mood.

SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE IN QUOTATIONS.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

The market opened in a most buoyant mood this morning, with a strong demand for practically the entire list of the active section. Consequently, there was a substantial advance in quotations.

The more hopeful news from the North, coupled with the lower exchange, would seem to account for the sudden improvement in the last two days.

Sales.

Docks, $22/20.
Providents (old), $4.90.
Hotel (Cum. Right), $13.60.
Hong Kong Lands, $77¾.
H.K. Realties, $11.10.
Hong Kong Trams, $21½.
Peak Trams (old), $15.60.
China Lights (old), $21.
Constructions (new), $1.90 ex. Div.

Buyers.

Hong Kong Banks, $1,500.
Bank of East Asia, $115.
Union Insurances, $465.
Benguets, $12½.
Raubs, $38.
Wharves, $143.
Docks, $20.
Providents (old), $4.90.
Providents (new), $2¼.
Hotels (Cum. Rights), $13.55.
Hotels (Rights), $2.80.
Hong Kong Lands, $78.
Hong Kong Realties, $11.
Chinese Estates, $95.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14¾.
Hong Kong Trams, $21½.
Peak Trams, $15.60.
Star Ferries, $91½.
China Lights (old), $21.
China Lights (ned), $20½.
Hong Kong Electrics, $73½.
Telephones, (P.P.), $24.
Canton Ices, $5½.
Cements (combined), $18.40.
Watsons (Cum. Rights), $16.
Watsons(Rights), $3½.
Amusements, $21¼.
Constructions (new), $1.85 ex. Div.
Government Loans, 3½ per cent. Premium.

Sellers.

International Assce. Tls. 4.
Hotels (Cum. Rights), $13.60.
Malabon Sugars, $21.
S.C. Enterprises, $10.

LOTTERY TICKETS.

Alleged Unlawful Possession.

CHINESE CLERK PLEADS A "PLANT."

Considerable discussion in regard to the unlawful possession of lottery tickets, took place in the Kowloon Magistracy, when a Chinese clerk, employed in the China Light & Power Co., Ltd., made a second appearance before Mr. J. A. Fraser on a charge of having in his possession 20 po piu lottery tickets.

It will be recalled that defendant was arrested by a Chinese detective in Reclamation Street, on April 3, and after the hearing of the evidence, His Worship granted a remand to enable the prosecuting officer (Detective Sub-Inspector Elston), to take advice.

At the second hearing of the case this morning S.-I. Elston said he had spoken about the case to Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Assistant Attorney-General, and had been informed that if the Police had proved that the man had possession of the tickets, the onus was transferred to the man to show that he had no knowledge of possession of the tickets; that he did not know they were concealed under the saddle of the cycle.

In reference to defendant's suggestion that the tickets had been planted beneath the saddle of his bicycle, S.-I. Elston said it was highly improbable that anyone would plant tickets that were worth $8 and might have won one of the large prizes offered in the lottery. Furthermore it was strange that defendant had made no reference to the man who was supposed to be responsible for the "framing." Since the remand defendant had been given the opportunity to produce the man, but had not done so.

The case was remanded until Saturday next.

HOW WEATHER IS PRODUCED.

Part Played by Tropics and Poles.

MASSES OF AIR.

Dr. G. C. Simpson, Director of the Meteorological Office, in a lecture at the Royal institution, said: "We now recognise that weather is produced by the bringing together of great masses of air from polar and tropical regions by the general circulation of the atmosphere.

"Such masses of cold and warm air do not readily mix, but overrun or undercut one another along 'fronts' which can be traced for hundreds of miles on the synoptic charts. On one side of a 'front' there is warm air and on the other side cold air, and cyclones are complicated meeting points of warm and cold 'fronts.'

"As warm air slides up over cold air or cold air cuts under warm air cloud and rain are formed, so that 'fronts' are long, and usually narrow strips of bad weather, and it is the motion of the 'fronts' which is now the chief concern of the forecaster. The recognition of 'front' has given the forecaster a powerful new tool for the study of what is actually taking place in the atmosphere, and has greatly improved the short period forecasts, especially those for aviation.

"At certain specified times each day observations are taken at 45 stations in the British Isles and on a number of ships in the Atlantic and telegraphied to London. By close co-operation information from over 500 stations is available in every meteorological office in Europe within two hours of these observations being taken. There is no intelligence service in the world so complete and so rapid as the international weather service.

"If the only purpose of a meteorological service were to tell the public when to take an umbrella or when to leave an overcoat at home, it is questionable whether the cost of the service would be justified. The object is, however, to supply weather information to those whose work, and often life, depends on the weather.

"Forecasts for shipping, for fishermen, for aviation, and for agriculture are the justification for the elaborate meteorological services maintained in all countries. No method has yet been found for expressing the success of weather forecasts by giving the percentages of failures and successes, but the improvement in the supply of information and the scientific discoveries have resulted in an appreciable increase in the accuracy of the forecasts."

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A knitted scarf round her neck was fastened to the hook of the balance.

A constable said the child must have slipped when trying to look at the dial to see her weight, and the scarf must have caught in the hook, which was only 3ft. 6in. from the floor. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

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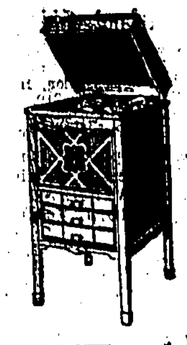

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HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

GENERAL MEETING OF IMPORTERS.

THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE invites all IMPORT MERCHANTS in the Colony—including non-members of the Chamber—to attend a meeting to be held in the offices of the Chamber, Chartered Bank Building, on:

THURSDAY, 14th APRIL, 1932, at 4.15 p.m.

to consider matters of general importance to trade, arising out of certain demands which have been made by the Chinese Piece Goods Guild and other Guilds.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th April, 1932.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th April, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th April, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 6th April, 1932.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON
FRIDAY, April 8, 1932,
commencing at 11 a.m.,
at their Sales Room,
4, Duddell Street,
A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS,
etc., etc.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, April 7, 1932.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON
WEDNESDAY, April 13, 1932,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.,
at No. 3, Carnarvon Building, Kowloon.
A Quantity of
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

On View from Tuesday, April 12, 1932.

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Hong Kong, April 7, 1932.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of April, 1932, at 8 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About	$	$
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1815.	Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City.	As per sale plan.				9,250	100	18,875

C. R.

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft		$	$
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1850.	West of Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 850 & 851, Kowloon Tong.	As per sale plan.				about 29,600	340	14,800

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that we have This Day REMOVED our Office to Alexandra Building, Top Floor.

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Hong Kong, 5th April, 1932.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Seventh Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, April 13, to Tuesday, April 19, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no further shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, April 7, 1932.

WM. POWELL, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 21st April 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 29th February 1932 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12th April to 21st April, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1932.

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AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

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Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 9th April, 1932, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.15 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 including tax, for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th April, 1932.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/2¾
Bank, on demand	1/2¾
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/3⅞
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/4⅛
On Paris—	
On demand	590
Credits, 4 months' sight	645
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom.
On New York—	
On demand	23⅜
Credits, 60 days' sight	24⅞
On Bombay—	
Wire	81¾
On demand	81¾
On Calcutta—	
Wire	81¾
On demand	81¾
On Singapore—	
On demand	53
On Manila—	
On demand	46¾
On Shanghai—	
On demand	T74
Dollar	8% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	70
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/3¾
Silver (per oz.)	17
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nom.
Copper Cash	Nom.
Copper Cents	1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3½% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29½% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, April 7, 1932.
NEXT SETTLEMENT DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	$ 1600	...	...	...	Dec.	Final $3 at 1/5—$41-74 making $6 for 1931	Feb. 29, 32
,, (Lon. Reg.)	£ ...	...	...	103	Dec.		
Chartered Bank	£ .	...	...	11½	Dec.	Fin. 7/- Sub. to I/Tax a/c 1931	Pending
Mercantile Bk., A&B.	£ ...	...	...	19½	Dec.		
,, C.	£ ..	...	...	7½	Dec.	Int. 7% a/c 1931 less I/Tax	Sep. 8, 32
Bank of Asia	$ 115	...	...	...	Dec.	$3 for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
Amer. O. Fin. Corp.	M$ ...	...	...	29	Dec.		
Insurances.							
Canton Ins.	$ ...	...	...	1250	Dec.	Fin. $32 bon. $10 for 1929 Interim $12 a/c 1930 = $30	May 19, 3
Union Ins.	$ 105	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 16/- for 1929 Interim 24/- a/c 1930 = $42	May 29, 31
China Underwriters	$ ...	...	...	4	Dec.	None	
China Fire Ins.	$ ...	...	...	890	Dec.	Final $9 bonus $6 and $14 for 1929 Interim $8 a/c 1930 = $37	May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins.	$ ...	...	...	1195	Dec.	$60 add'l bonus $5 making $55 for 1930	Mar. 30, 32
International Assce. Tls.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shipping.							
Douglases	$ ...	...	...	27	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	
H. K. Steamboats	$ ...	...	...	28	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	
Indo-China (Pref.)	$ ...	...	...	45	Dec.	12½ ex. 2/4 on preferred for 1926 and 1925	June 19, 29
,, (Def.)	$ ...	...	...	52		Last dividend for 1918	
Shells Bearer	£/- ...	...	...	38/2½	Dec.	Final 1/6 Coupon No. 58 free I/Tax a/c 1930	July 6, 31
Union Waterboats	$ ...	...	...	10½	Dec.	60 cents for 1931	Mar. 30, 32
Mining.							
Benguets	$ 12½	...	...	...	Dec.	Fourth Int. 20 centavos a/c 1931	Dec. 19, 31
Kailan Mining Ad.	£/- ...	...	...	25/-	June	12½% free I/Tax Coupon 89 for year 30-6-31	Dec. —, 31
Langkats (Single)	Tls. ...	...	...	4	Oct.	T. 0.80 for year 31-10-29	May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration	Tls. ...	...	...	2.10	Dec.	None	
,, Loans	Tls. ...	...	...	2	Dec.	Final T. 0.45 making T. 0.60 for 1930	Feb. 6, 31
Raubs	$ 38	...	...	...	Mar.	3rd Int. 2/- a/c year 31-3-32	Mar. 15, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields	$ ...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves	$ 148	...	...	...	Dec.	$5 for 1931	Mar. 10, 32
H. K. & W. Docks	$ 20	...	22/30	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	
South Ch. Motors (A)	$ ...	...	...	10	...	...	...
,, ("B")	$ ...	...	...	12	...	...	...
China Providents (old)	$ 4.90	...	4.90	...	Dec.	16 cents on old 8 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 24, 32
,, (new)	$ 2½	...	...	...			
Hongkews	Tls. ...	...	...	220	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1931	Oct. 2, 31
N. Engineerings	Tls. ...	...	...	6½	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931	Mar. 8, 32
Shanghai Docks	Tls. ...	...	...	90½	Apr.	T. 6 for year 30-4-31	July 29, 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	$ 13.55	13.65	13.60	...			
,, (Rights)	$ 2.60	...	...	...	Dec.	60 cts. (old) 10 cts. (new) for 1931	Mar. 18, 32
H.K. Lands	$ 78	...	77½	...	Dec.	Final $2 making $4 for 1931	Feb. 15, 32
Shanghai Lands	Tls. ...	...	...	25	Dec.	Final T/- 0.80 bonus T/- 0.30 and 4/- 0.75 for 1931	Pending
Humphreys	$ ...	...	...	10	...	$ 1.20 on old $0 cents on new for 1931	Feb. 29, 32
Metropolitan Lands	Tls. ...	...	...	18	Dec	...	...
H. K. Realties	$ 11	...	11.10	...	Dec.	Fin. 30 cts. mak. 60 cts. for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Asia Realties "A"	M$ ...	...	...	160			
,, "B"	M$ ...	...	...	30	Dec.	Interim $3 a/c year 29-2-32	Jan. 30, 32
Chinese Estates	$ 95	...	...	...	Feb.		
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons	Tls 14.75	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 1.80 for 1931	Pending
Shanghai Cotton	Tls. ...	...	...	75	(Apr. and Oct.	T. 3-25 for half year 31-10-31	Dec. — 31
Zoong Sings	Tls. ...	...	...	11½	June	T. 0.80 for year 30-6-31	Oct. 8, 31
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways	$ 21½	...	21½	...	Dec.	Final 60 cts. making $1 for 1931	Feb. 17, 32
Peak Trams (old)	$ 15.50	...	15.50	...	Apr.	30 cts. on old 60 cts on new for 30-4-31	June 15, 31
,, (new)	$ ...	...	...	8			
Star Ferries	$ 91½	...	...	...	Dec.	$5 for 1931	Feb. 11, 32
Yaumati Ferries	$ ...	...	...	37	Dec.	$1.50 for 1930	June 23, 31
China Light (old)	$ 21	...	21	...	Sept.	50 cts. for year 30-9-31	Dec. 31, 31
,, (new)	$ 20½	...	...	...			
H. K. Electrics	$ 78½	...	...	...	Dec.	$2.50 for 1931	Mar. 15, 32
Macao ,,	$ ...	...	...	24½	Dec.	...	...
Sandakan Lights	$ ...	...	...	12	June	None	
H.K. Tels. fully paid	$ ...	...	...	41	Dec.	Final 6% making 10% for 1931	Mar. 9, 32
,, part paid	$ 34	...	...	...			
China Buses	Tls. ...	...	...	16	Dec.	T. 0.90 for 1929	Feb. 28, 30
S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	$/- ...	...	...	8/-	Sept.	1/4½ on preference shares Subject to income tax	Feb. 6, 32
,, (Pref.)	$/- ...	...	...	14/-			
Industrials.							
Malabon Sugars	$ ...	21	...	...	Dec.	Fn. 4.50 for 1930	Mar. 4, 32
Cald: Macg. Ord.	Tls. ...	...	...	14	Dec.	T. 1 T. 0.80 for 1930	Mar. 27, 32
,, Pref.	Tls. ...	...	...	10½			
Canton Ices	$ 6½	...	...	...	July	20 cents for year 31-7-31	Oct. 9, 31
Cements (com.)	$ 18.40	...	...	...			
,, (old)	$ ...	...	...	12	Dec.	45 cents on old 6 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
,, (new)	$ ...	...	...	6.45			
H. K. Ropes	$ ...	...	Cum Div.	16½	Dec.	85 cts. bonus 15 cts. mk. $1 for 1931	Pending
China Agriculture	$ ...	...	...	10½	...	...	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farm	$ ...	...	...	28½	Dec.	$1.75 for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Watsons	$ 16	...	...	...	Oct.	75 cents for year 31-10-30	Mar. 16, 31
,, (Rights)	$ 8½	...	...	...			
Der A Wings	$ ...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Lane Crawfords (old)	$ ...	...	...	6⅞	Feb.	Last dividend for year 23-2-29	
,, (new)	$ ...	...	...	6½			
Mackintoshs	$ ...	...	...	19	Feb.	$3 for year 28-2-31	Apr. 30, 31
Sincere	$ ...	...	...	15½	...	...	...
Wm. Powells	$ ...	...	...	3.65	Feb.	20 cents for year 28-2-31	June 17, 31
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusements	$ 21½	...	...	...	Mar.	$2.50 for year 31-3-31	Sept. 30, 31
Ch. Entertainment	$ ...	...	...	14.90	...	60 cents for 1931	Mar. 28, 32
S. C. Enterprises	$ ...	10	...	...	...	...	...
United Theatres	Tls. ...	...	5	...	...	...	...
Macao "Greyhounds"	$ ...	...	...	10	...	...	...
Constructions (Old)	$ ...	x.div.	...	6½			
,, (New)	$ 1.85	...	1.90	...	Dec.	10 cents on old 14 cents on new for 1931	Apr. 6, 32
B. Ind. G.$ Bonds	$ ...	...	...	58%	...	...	...
H.K. Govt. Loans	$ 3½%	Prem.	...	...	...	Interest half yearly	...

LONDON EXCHANGES

	Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris	96¼
New York	3.80¼
Montreal	4.20
Brussels	27⅛
Geneva	19.17/32
Amsterdam	9.38
Milan	78⅝
Berlin	16
Stockholm	18¾
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	19⅛
Vienna	32 nom.
Prague	128¼
Helsingfors	215
Madrid	50 3/16
Lisbon	110
Athens	300
Bucharest	685
Rio	4 1/16
Buenos Aires	36 13/16
Montevideo	30 nom.
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Shanghai	1/8 5/16
Hong Kong	1/8 5/16
Yokohama	1/8⅞
Silver Spot	17
Silver Forward	17 1/16

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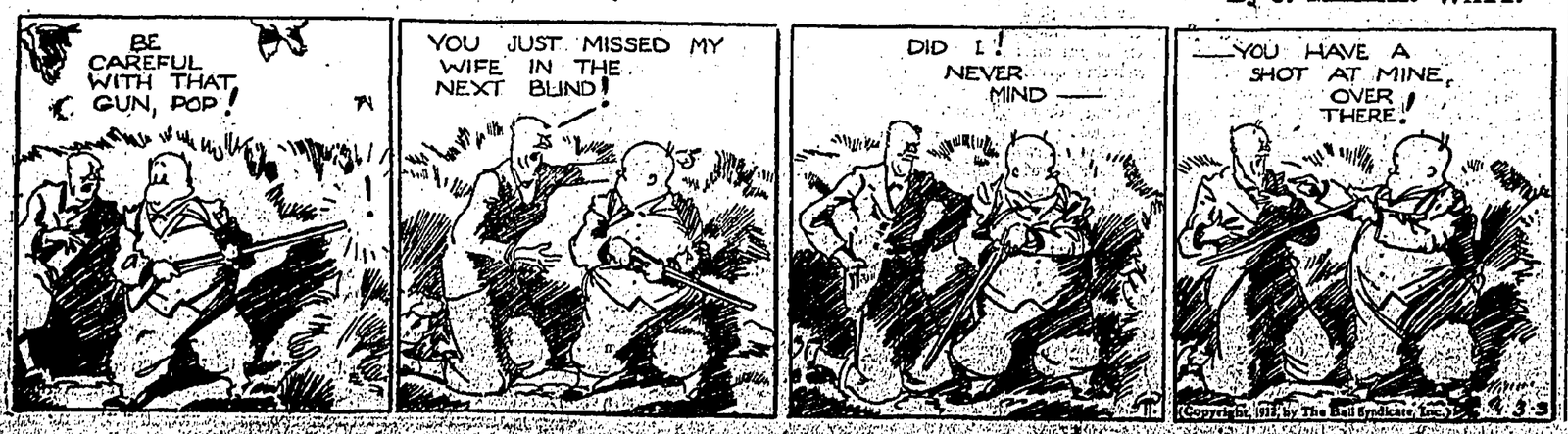

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KITANO MARU ..... Saturday, 28th May.

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† TOKIWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 12th April.
† CALCUTTA MARU ..... Friday, 29th April.

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GINYO MARU ..... Tuesday, 19th April.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Perneus, Genoa, & Valencia.
† LIMA MARU ..... Thursday, 14th April.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
† HAKODATE MARU ..... Friday, 8th April.
† MORIOKA MARU ..... Friday, 15th April.

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MELBOURNE via Brisbane & Sydney	Melbourne Maru	Wed.,	5th May
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Honolulu Maru	Fri.,	8th Apr.
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Havana Maru	Wed.,	20th Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun.,	17th Apr.
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SUGGEST ARCTIC TRADE ROUTE TO FAR EAST

(By Edwin Felstead.)

It has been suggested that trading vessels should go to the Far East from London and Liverpool by way of the Arctic Ocean, thus cutting the ordinary distance by some hundreds of miles. But it is quite clear that no ordinary ship could undertake such a journey. The problem of what type of vessel should be employed is solved, if we look at the case of the Russian Soviet ice-breaking ship, Ermack. This vessel is still employed to-day for making a way for ships through the formidable ice-fields of the Gulf of Finland. People may aver that the propelling machinery would leave no room for cargo carrying. But a vessel like the Ermack could very well clear a road for ordinary ships that were strengthened against the ice-pressures, writes Edwin Felstead in the Natural Magazine.

Dr. Nansen proved the utility of building a ship strong enough to resist the ice, and permitting it to be carried along by the drifting ice current. But instead of being merely a ship which can withstand the ice, the Ermack definitely uses offensive measures and actually charges against the ice-barriers. The Ermack has cut her way through the thickest ice of the Spitzbergen Region, ice that may have been frozen long before you and I were born. The Ermack is actually the strongest ship in the world.

What would people say about a ship that could be lifted at each end, without breaking into two? For if a model of the Ermack were made to scale, and lifted in this manner, it would stand the enormous strain! No other ship could perform such a task. What would people say about propellers that could be brought up short against the most formidable obstruction without breaking, although the full power of the engines were urging them on? Impossible? Not a bit of it! It has been done with the Ermack.

An Unbreakable Ship.

A ship that would penetrate into the Polar ice must not only be strong, but symmetrically strong — unbreakable in every part. It is impossible to make a ship too strong to deal with the ice. Even the Ermack is not as strong as it could be, although she can charge anything less formidable than an iceberg, ahead or astern, without injury to herself. The Ermack is intended to carry neither cargo nor passengers nor guns. The single aim of her builders was to make her as strong as possible. She differs in many respects from the usual ship. In the first place, she has a double skin throughout, instead of merely a double bottom. The epidermis is a layer of steel plates an inch and a quarter in thickness, extending from the keel to the deck level, 40 feet above. Within this is another steel surface half as thick. The two walls are firmly braced by steel supports, and the space between them is divided into water tight compartments from 8 to 10 feet in diameter, extending entirely around the vessel. She has a double deck, a double set of cabin skylights, and an extra wooden partition around the outside of the cabin within the second steel skin. The latter provision is not so much for safety as for warmth. Heat from the ship's boilers is applied through a series of steam pipes that run between the two inner walls; and with the help of the outer air-chamber to prevent this heat from escaping, the interior of the Ermack's cabins is kept at a comfortable temperature, even in the highest latitudes.

The Ermack is divided by an unusual number of watertight bulkheads — forty-eight in all—and most of these extend to the deck level. After the boilers and machinery were all in place these various compartments were filled with water to their full height. Not only did the wall endure the strain, but the Ermack floated as serenely as before. No ordinary accident could send her to the bottom. The provision of so many watertight compartments reduces the amount of room in the interior of the ship very considerably. Of the remaining space, a large part is occupied by the propelling machinery, which is located amidships and extends both forward and abaft. There are four propellers, three located at the stern, and one at the bow. They are connected with separate engines, in order that any one of them may be operated independently, if this is desired. Each of the engines develops 2,500 horse-power, so that the total driving-power of the ship is 10,000 horse-power. The fore propeller is an American device, and was first employed in the ice-breaking vessels of the Great Lakes. In effect its action is to suck the water from beneath the ice, thus greatly reducing the resisting power of the ice and causing it to break more easily. This propeller is useful in another way, when the ship's progress is retarded by accumulations of ice below the surface and below her bow. By reversing the motion of the screw, the blocks of ice thus crowded together are driven forward out of the ship's path. The remainder of the interior is given up to cabins, scientific laboratories, the quarters of the crew, and the bunkers, in which are carried 3,000 tons of coal. In spite of her great strength the Ermack is not a large ship as we reckon size to-day, and with bunkers filled her displacement is only 8,000 tons.

Curious Appearance.

In external appearance, as in interior arrangement, the Ermack is unusual. Her bow, stern and sides are all cut away sharply. Instead of meeting the surface of the water at right angles, they project above it. The slant of the bow is 70 degrees, of the stern 65, and of the sides 20. Consequently the ship looks topheavy, as though sitting entirely on the surface although, as a matter of fact, she draws 25 feet. She has, too, a blunt look, on account of her great beam of 71 feet, fully twice what it would be for an ocean tramp of her length—305 feet. But the Ermack was not built for beauty or for speed. In clear water she can make only 15 knots, the pace of a heavy battleship. At first glance, she would appear to be some new-fangled warship. Though not a naval vessel, she is a fighting ship in the truest sense of the term, and her foe is one worthy of any steel that can be sent against it.

How does the Ermack break the ice? Where water freezes to a thickness nearly three times the height of a man, its resisting strength is enormous. It might be better imagined than described. The popular belief is that the ship charges at the ice like a battering-ram. But this would be as futile as attempting to fell a redwood giant with a paper-cutter! In exact terms, the Ermack is an ice-crusher. That accounts for her peculiar lines. When she steams against the ice her bow does not *encounter* it horizontally—in the line of greatest resistance. Instead, it rises upon the surface. As the engines urge the ship forward, more and more of her weight is thrown upon the ice, until it breaks beneath the strain. This is not, however, a new idea. It was adopted in an ice-breaker constructed by a Russian, M. Britneff, fifty-five years ago, and it is followed to-day in the ice-breakers on the River Volga, in the North Sea, and on the Great Lakes.

The ship possesses unusual agility. This is imparted to the Ermack in various ways—by her four powerful nickel steel propellers, which enable her to manoeuvre in the narrowest quarters, and by a great rolling-chamber which occupies the whole lower portion of the vessel in the space formed by the double bottom. This space is divided into four compartments, one occupying each quarter of the vessel, and each large enough to contain the 200 tons of water that she carries as ballast. A big salvage pump located amidships is able to send this entire weight of water from one to another, from fore to aft, or vice versa, as may be necessary. Suppose the Ermack's bow to be run upon ice thick enough to stand under the 900 tons pressure thus imposed: to this, within the space of twenty minutes, the great pump can add 200 tons more in the effort to break down the barrier; or it can send the 200 tons charging to the other end of the vessel, in order to get her out of a dangerous situation.

Equipped For All Contingencies.

The vessel is equipped for every imaginable contingency. Even though her machinery were disabled, and she lay helpless in the grip of the ice, she would suffer no serious inconvenience. The enormous and steadily-increasing pressure would crumple in the steel sides of any other ship, or at best would rack her so that she would most certainly spring a leak. But the slopping walls of the Ermack are fifteen times as strong as the sides of the ordinary vessel. Moreover, by reason of their slope, as the ice presses harder and harder upon them, the ship simply rises, as does a glass ball if you compress it between thumb and finger, until at length she rests secure upon the surface of the ice.

The Ermack was built at Newcastle-upon-Tyne and steamed straight to Russia. Russia has the longest coastline of any country in the world. But the greater part of this coast lies along the Arctic Ocean, and there is only one month in the year when ships can have a reasonable assurance of reaching the northern ports, a number of which are of the first importance. For the other eleven-twelfths of the year they are closed by the ice, which attains a thickness of from 8 to 10 feet, and is sometimes heaped into hummocks 20 feet in height. When the Ermack was built, she at once made off for Kronstadt. This was at a season when it would have been ridiculous for any other boat to attempt to approach the frozen Baltic port. The ice was met at a distance of 16 miles from Kronstadt. At first, the ship went through the ice readily enough. Her fore propeller sucked the water from beneath the ice, which broke as soon as her bow began to rise upon it, and she was able to maintain a speed of from 4 to 6 knots an hour. But as the more shallow and fresher portions of the Gulf of Finland were approached, the task became more difficult. Here the ice, being packed to a thickness of several feet, offered a very great resistance. But the Ermack won through, reaching Kronstadt to the amazement of the inhabitants. It may be possible to construct a similar ship, large enough to carry a large cargo, for a route across the Polar Regions. This would be convenient for ships trading from London or Liverpool to Japan and China.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—East wall.
Bruce—South wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Devonshire—No. 6 buoy.
Folkestone—East wall.
Herald—No. 7 buoy.
Hermes—West wall.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and Submarines—No. 2 buoy.
Orpheus—East wall.
Seamew—South wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Tarantula—In dock.
Whitehall—In dock.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Helena—American river gunboat.
Mindanao—American river gunboat.
On Pak—Chinese gunboat.
Pecos—American fuel ship.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Corfu left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 8.30 p.m., and is due here on April 8 at about 6 a.m.

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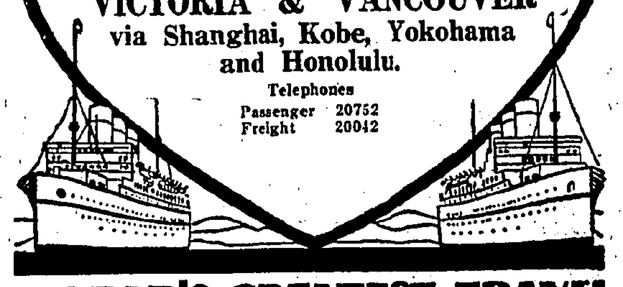

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TAIPING	July 12	July 23	July 25	Aug. 10

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RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡*SOMALI	6,800	14th May	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*BANGALORE	6,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*BHUTAN	6,000	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*SOUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	27th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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		1932.	
RANPURA	17,000	7th Apr. Noon	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	8th Apr. 7 a.m.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,000	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,500	30th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	5th May	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA	7,000	6th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
NALDERA	16,000	19th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BHUTAN	6,000	29th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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MAN WHO LOST HALF A MILLION.

Victim Of The Slump In Shipping.

Cardiff, March 2.

Amazing figures relating to the shipping slump were quoted at Cardiff County Court to-day when Mr. P. H. Mordey, a Penarth shipowner, applied for his discharge from bankruptcy.

Mr. Carey Evans, who represented the applicant, said that Mr. Mordey in 1920 had a capital of over £400,000, yet in June, 1931, when he was adjudicated bankrupt, his deficiency was nearly £100,000.

In teh years half a million of money had melted like snow.

This was not due to any extravagance nor to any speculation or unwise business transactions. It was due entirely to continued depression, working losses on steamers, reduced capital value of ships, and very heavy taxation in the days just after the war, which prevented adequate provision against the times of depression which followed.

Judge C. L. Thomas, granting the discharge, said he would give a certificate that the bankruptcy was due to misfortune and not to misconduct.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex m.v. Gange are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 9.

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HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be *added* to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be *subtracted* from the depths.

April 6 to 12, 1932.

Date		High Water Standard Ht. Times. H.	M.	F.	Low Water Standard Ht. Times. H.	M.	F.
	April						
Wed.	6 ..	10	04	6.0	03	20	1.9
		22	05	5.7	15	39	1.9
Thurs.	7 ..	10	21	6.0	03	44	2.1
		22	40	5.3	16	16	1.7
Fri.	8 ..	10	40	6.0	04	02	2.3
		23	16	4.7	16	55	1.6
Sat.	9 ..	10	56	6.1	04	20	2.6
		23	56	4.3	17	40	1.5
Sun.	10 ..	11	15	6.2	04	30	2.8
		—	—	—	18	29	1.4
Mon.	11 ..	00	42	3.8	04	40	2.9
		11	39	6.3	19	29	1.5
Tues.	12 ..	01	40	3.4	04	36	3.1
		12	10	6.4	20	40	1.5

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.'s office:—

Eve, from Peshawar.

A. L. Giles, passenger, s.s. Rajputana, from Manila.

Yickdo Lyen, care of Gilman, from Singapore.

Walter Rudolph, Cecil Hotel, from Manila.

Seagrass, from Manila.

C. C. CLARKE,
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Hong Kong, March 31, 1932.

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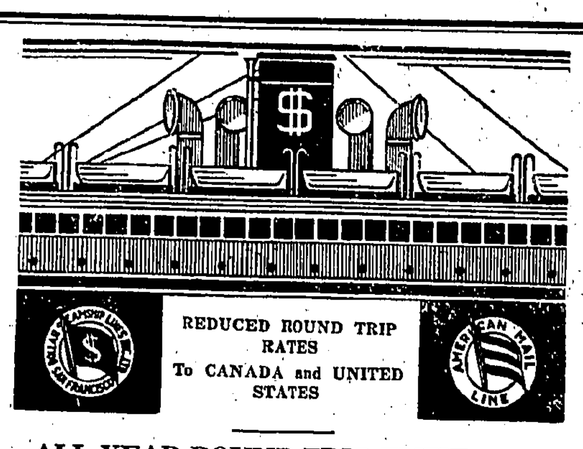

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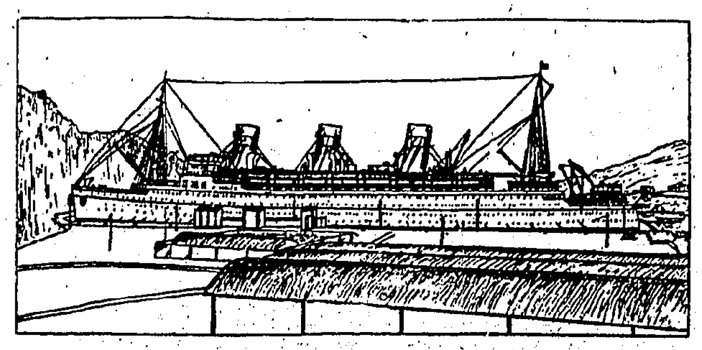

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THE MOTORISTS' PAGE

MOTORING AND MOTORS.

The 20-H.P. Alvis.

[By John Prioleau.]

The new 20-p.h. Alvis six-cylinder, which is, I understand, an enlarged edition of the well-known Silver Eagle, is one of the most comfortable cars I have ever tried for these articles. As a general rule I consider the mechanical details, design, and performance of a car as being of greater interest and importance than the coachwork, in spite of the general all-round improvement in the former to be found in practically every decent car to-day, but the comfort of the new Alvis saloon was so marked that it definitely ranked in importance with the behaviour of the chassis. This is more remarkable in that the example of the Mayfair four-windowed saloon I took out was practically brand new and quite evidently stiff throughout. The complete car costs £775, and, considering that with its really large and comfortable body, it has an easy cruising speed of well over 50 m.p.h., with all the acceleration and hill-climbing such a factor implies, it may be regarded as one of those rare productions, a luxurious car sold at a moderate price.

I am not sure that that saloon is not just about the most comfortable I have ever sat in. I should certainly have preferred pneumatic upholstery, because I am a firm believer in this design as an eliminator of fatigue on long journeys, but the stuffing and springing of the cushions was, of its type, as good as anything I have known. The front seats specially pleased me, being unusually wide and deep, giving one a every comfortable and restful position, not too low (a very low seat is really an abomination), and with enough elbow room to allow two tall and broad people to move about at their ease without touching each other.

"Visibility" and Neat Finish.

Another point that impressed me very much was the "visibility." The front pillars were the thinnest I have ever seen, consisting of a simple frame, angled to take the front screen and the front window slides. The side-windows and the generously wide back one enabled me to see nearly as clearly when driving as if it had been an open touring car. The back seat accommodates three people in proper comfort, and there is a disappearing arm for use when only two are carried. Whatever the position of the sliding front seats there is plenty of room for those with the longest legs. The finish throughout is excellent, the only decorative note being struck by the walnut woodwork along the tops of the doors and surrounding the instrument board. The latter is very neatly designed, and all the instruments are in the direct view of the driver.

The design of the engine follows the usual Alvis practice in having separate water passages between the engine block and the cylinder head, thus avoiding the use of the gasket a water joint. The bore and st are 73 x 100, which gives a cubic capacity of 2,511 c.c. and a tax-rating of £20. The usual Alvis design of overhead valve gear is employed, the camshaft and auxiliary drive being by chain, which is self-adjusting.

Dual Ignition.

Three carburetters are fitted with a hot spot on the induction system, and petrol is fed by electrical means. Another point I admired is the provision of dual ignition, a polar-inductor magneto being used in combination with a coil. The two ignitions cannot, of course, be used in combination with a coil. The two ignitions cannot, of course, be used simultaneously, but even in these days of high reliability of all ignition systems it is a comfort to have another form of ignition upon which to fall back in case of trouble. Cooling is by pump combined with radiator shutters which are thermostatically controlled. A single plate-clutch takes the drive to a right-hand controlled four-speed gear box, of which the third speed is what is known as "silent." The latter is not, as it happens, silent, but the noise it makes is very slight. The gear-ratios are 5, 6.75, 9.3, and 17.4. Reverse is comfortably high with 10.

Although, as I said, the car was brand new and the engine therefore running at what is probably its roughest, it was a genuine pleasure to drive. There was any amount of power, and on either top or third the liveliness and pick-up were pronounced. That it should be unusually flexible when properly run in was proved by the manner in which it took the hill up to Burgh Heath on top speed at not less than 45 m.p.h. as far as the bend by the cross roads. At the stiffest point the speed did not fall below 25. Pebblecombe Hill was half climbed on top in a very satisfactory manner, while the speed did not fall below 25 m.p.h. on third or below 23 for the few yards it was necessary to drop into second on the steepest pitch.

The gear-changing is easy, and the brakes, all four of which are operated by both pedal and lever, are smooth and powerful. The latter are interesting in having their special operating-mechanism within the drums, which are of a very generous size. The steering is very steady at all speeds, but not particularly light. There is, however, no sense of undue effort even at slow speeds in traffic. The springing and road holding are excellent, and the car feels thoroughly safe at any speed. The lines of the body are particularly good, and though the car is a large one, the proportions are such that one gets a distinct impression of lightness and neatness.

THE PRINCE'S NEW CAR.

Many Ingenious Body Fittings.

The Humber Snipe of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has recently taken delivery is a four-light saloon, finished in black with thin red lining, red cloth upholstery and red wheels. Several ingenious body fittings were incorporated to the special order of His Royal Highness, and the car not only presents a most attractive appearance, but is also thoroughly suitable either for town work or touring.

ORDERS FOR MOTOR MANUFACTURERS.

At a time when most branches of the north-western iron and steel and engineering industries are finding conditions exceptionally difficult and without evidence of any early expansion of business, motor manufacturers in the area are at present relatively well placed. Messrs. Leyland Motors, Limited, of Leyland, near Preston, in particular, have materially strengthened their order book in the last few weeks, one of the most important contracts being for the supply of 35 48-seater double-deck motor omnibuses to the Plymouth Corporation. They have also secured an order for two 32-seater single-deck and two 48-seater double-deck omnibuses from the Newport (Mon.) Corporation, and an order for a fire engine at a cost of £1,532 from the Portsmouth Corporation. At Bolton, Messrs. Bromilow and Edwards, Limited, are equipping a number of Leyland articulated six-wheeled chassis for a leading oil company for use on pipe-laying work in the oil-fields. Each chassis will be provided with a steel platform, a 7-ton crane, and capstans. The same firm is equipping a fleet of Morris Commercial six-wheeled vehicles with armour-plated van bodies for the War Office. Messrs. Crossley Motors, Limited, of Gorton, Manchester, are also well placed. One recent contract is for a further 12 double-deck omnibuses for the Rochdale Corporation; and the firm has also on hand the construction of Crossley Condor six-cylinder petrol-and oil-engined omnibuses for the Corporations of Barrow, Widnes, and Northampton.—Engineering.

TOURING IN BRITAIN.

That touring in Great Britain is increasing, especially during the winter month, is made quite clear by the figures recently published by the home touring department of the Automobile Association. In January 1931 detailed itineraries covering approximately 3½ million miles were issued by the A.A., while the figure for the corresponding month this year exceeded 4 million miles. A comparison of the approximate mileage covered by A.A. routes issued during the past two years also indicates that motorists, who under different circumstances would be wintering on the continent, are now finding health in Great Britain and Ireland. In 1931 the distance covered by A.A. routes exceeded 150 million miles, an increase of over 12 million miles on the previous year's figures. That Ireland is becoming a popular touring ground is indicated by the fact that during this winter the demands on the A.A. for tours in that country increased by over 112 per cent.

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A pressed steel frame takes the place of tubing, making it at once both stronger and lighter. The engine is a 148-c.c. two-stroke; it has a three-speed gearbox and clutch, internal-expanding brakes on both wheels, and a footstarter.

Weighing only 170lb., complete with electric lighting set, the machine, which is known as the Royal Enfield "Cycar," and is made by the Enfield Cycle Company, of Redditch, will cover 130 miles on a gallon of petrol and oil mixture—less than one-sixth of a penny a mile. It costs 21 guineas.

PNEUMATIC-TYRED RAIL MOTOR COACH.

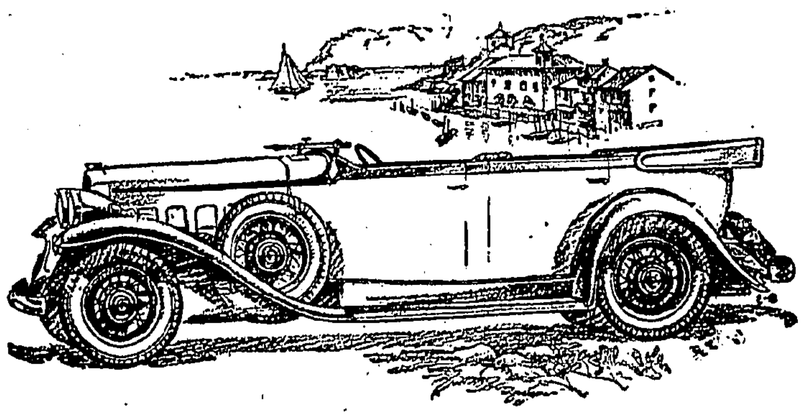
About six months ago, the Chemin de Fer de l'Est placed in service a number of rail coaches operated by petrol engines, and provided with wheels fitted with pneumatic tyres, the object being to reduce the dead weight per passenger by enabling a lighter construction to be employed, and to increase the adhesion available, owing to the higher friction between the tyre and the rail. Subsidiary advantages claimed for this arrangement were that a smaller driving unit could be employed, and that braking, even under the worst conditions, was facilitated.

A vehicle of this pattern has now been brought over to this country by the Michelin Tyre Company, Limited, Stoke-on-Trent, and is undergoing a series of trial runs on the Bletchley-Oxford branch of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway. In appearance this vehicle resembles a large motor coach, except that it is carried on a six-wheeled front bogie and a four-wheel rear bogie, this arrangement being necessary owing to the comparatively narrow tread of the standard rail. The centres of the wheels on the leading bogie are 4 ft. 3 in., and those of the wheels on the rear bogie 2 ft. 5½ in., apart. The overall length is 44 ft. 9 in., and the width 8 ft. 7 in., the vehicle, of course, being designed to run on a standard gauge track. Both front and rear bogie frames are of light box girder construction, suspension being effected by semi-elliptical springs and shock absorbers. The passenger compartment, which is 21 ft. long and 8 ft. wide, and has a tare weight of 5 tons, is connected with the front and rear bogies by pivots and self-aligning links, and consists of a riveted steel skeleton, the main members of which are of box girder construction. It provides accommodation for 24 passengers, with a luggage compartment at each end. The dead weight per passenger is therefore only just over 4 cwt.

The power unit consists of a 27 h.p., four-cylinder, Panhard sleeve-valve engine, which is water cooled by airplane type radiators, fixed on the roof, and drives the middle axle of the front bogie through a clutch and gear-box in the usual way. The front axle of the same bogie is driven from the middle axle by chains and sprockets, while the rear axle of this bogie and both axles of the rear bogie are used simply for carrying. The clutch and gear-box are built integral with the engine, and there is a separate reversing gear. This combination enables four speeds to be obtained in either direction, though the car can, at present, only be driven from the front, and the reverse is thus employed during shunting alone. All eight wheels are braked by internal expanding brakes operating on the Lockheed hydraulic system.

The wheels, which naturally form the chief point of interest are of pressed steel with standard straight side rims and a wide inner flange. The tyres, which are of the Michelin pneumatic rail type, measure 25 in. by 4 in. They have straight sides, are held against the flange by a removable ring, and are inflated to a pressure of 85 lb. per square inch. Each tyre is fitted with a permanent pressure gauge, which carries a rod so that an automatic warning device is operated if the pressure falls below 71 lb. per square inch. A spare wheel and tyre, which are carried on the vehicle, can be put on in about five minutes. The tyres are also fitted with an internal solid rim, which would support the load in the event of a burst or puncture occurring, the deflection under these conditions not exceeding ⅜ in. The life of the tyres is said to be about 20,000 miles at present, but it is hoped that this will be increased.

During the trials, a maximum speed of 60 m.p.h. was attained, the vibration and noise being considerably less than in an express train running at the same speed. The journey between Bletchley and Bicester, a distance of just under 20 miles, was run in 31 minutes with seven stops, as compared with the 42 minutes allowed for a steam train under the present schedule. Acceleration up to 50 m.p.h. was effected in about 1,000 yards, and the car can normally be brought to rest from that speed in 110 yards on dry rails and in 125 yards under wet conditions. The coefficient of friction between tyre and rail is 0.6, compared with about 0.2 for steel tyres. The adhesion is therefore three times as great as that of the steel wheel, and the same tractive effort at the rail head can be obtained with one-third of the weight.—Engineering.



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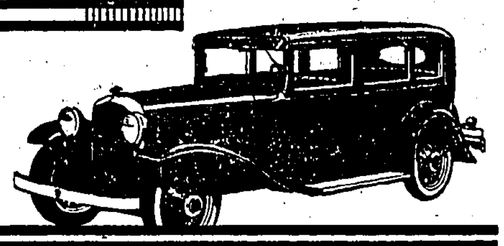

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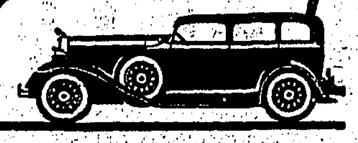

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ECONOMIC TRAGEDY PRECIPITATED.

Chilean - Argentine Tariff War.

RAILWAY COMPANY'S ULTIMATUM.

Valparaiso, Yesterday.

The Chilean Argentine tariff war developed into an economic tragedy to-day when it was officially announced that the British-controlled Argentine Transandine Railway had delivered an ultimatum to the Chilean Government that it would close down the railway on April 20, unless commerce between the two countries was restored.

This will mean cutting the only railway communication between the two Republics.

The attitude of the Railway is due to the fact that trade has been nullified since Chile taxed Argentine cattle as a result of which the railway lost a million sterling of freight. — Reuter's American Service.

PREFERENTIAL DUTY ON TEA.

London, Yesterday.

That a preferential duty on tea is expected in the Budget is indicated by the fact that the Indian and Ceylon Tea Associations have cancelled tea sales in Mincing Lane during Budget Week.—Reuter.

OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Like many other successful business men and deep thinkers, Mr. Manuk was a man of kindly nature, approachable and always courteous. These excellent qualities made him well liked by all who came in contact with him. He was also very philanthropic and a well read man.

Friendships.

Friendships formed by Mr. Manuk during his long residence here endured and matured as the years passed, and it is not putting it too high to say that he had not a single enemy here.

He was a member of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club; and recently enrolled in the Rotary Club.

Old Boy of Calcutta College.

Born in India of Armenian parentage, Mr. Manuk, was, of course, a British subject. He was educated at the Armenian College, Calcutta, and came to Hong Kong together with his schoolmate, Mr. T. M. Gregory, who afterward became his brother-in-law. Mrs. Gregory, who was Mr. Manuk's sister, died here in November, 1930.

Survivors.

He is survived in Hong Kong by another sister, Miss Mary Manuk, who, we regret to record, is at present ill at the Kowloon Hospital, having recently undergone an operation and by his brother-in-law. Relatives in Calcutta are an aunt and several cousins, with all of whom much sympathy is felt.

The funeral will take place to-morrow, the time to be announced later.

HELP FOR THE DANUBIAN STATES.

Relief Proposals Mooted.

A CLEAVAGE.

London, Yesterday.

It is learned that the Danubian Conference has agreed, on principle, that help must be given urgently to the distressed countries of the Danube, but there has been careful avoidance of any attempt to tie down the conference to a particular scheme.

Sir Frederick Leith Ross has been appointed British representative on the committee, established by the Conference, to examine the League of Nations' finance committee's report on the countries of Central and South-Eastern Europe.

It is learned that proceedings have revealed a cleavage between France and Britain on the one hand and Italy and Germany on the other inter alia over the question whether Bulgaria should be included in any Danubian federation, also whether the Danubian countries should confer separately.

France and Britain favour laying the proposals before a Four-Power Conference before meeting the Danubian Governments, while Italy and Germany desire a full conference of the nine countries on the ground that the scheme reached by meeting the Danubian States alone might be oppressive to Austria and Hungary.

Relief proposals mooted by the conference embrace financial aid by France and Britain, tariff concessions by Italy and Germany which are the principal markets of the distressed countries.—Reuter.

PROMISING EXPLORATION.

Committee of Experts Appointed.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A very promising exploration of the whole problem before the Four Power Conference was undertaken at its first meeting to-day, and delegates are hopeful that valuable results will be registered before the Conference concludes, probably on Friday.

Full delegations of France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom attended the Conference, which was held at the Foreign Office this afternoon. It rose after a three hours' session and a communique issued later stated:

"The exchange of views took place as regards the problems inherent in the present economic and financial circumstances of the Danubian States, and the nature of measures most appropriate for their solution. Before the conference adjourned, a comittee was appointed to reropt on this subject to the Conference when it resumes its sitting on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. The Four Powers agreed to appoint a committee of experts—one from each of the four Powers—to consider the problems raised by the recent report of the Financial Committee of the League of Nations on the financial state of certain countries of Central and South-Eastern Europe.

It is understood that the Committee of the Conference will in effect be composed of the heads of the delegations and that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will act as Chairman.

The Committee of experts, which the four Powers have appointed to examine the League of Nations' financial committee's report, will consist of representatives of the Treasuries of the Governments concerned. Sir Frederick Leith Ross will be the British representative.

The feeling was expressed at to-day's meeting that there was danger of some of the very valuable reports prepared under the auspices of the League of Nations being neglected, because there was no executive authority to take them into detailed consideration. A report published last week has a very definite bearing on the subject before the Four Power Conference, and, as is already known, it is to be considered next Tuesday at a specially convened meeting of the League of Nations Council.

All the members of the expert committee, which has been appointed, have not yet reached London, but they will begin work as soon as possible, and may continue their deliberations of proposals made in the League report after the present Conference has concluded.—British Wireless Service.

IRISH FREE STATE.

Communication Under Consideration.

MR. THOMAS REPLIES TO QUESTIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

A communication on the question of the Oath of Allegiance and the Land Annuities was received by the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, this morning from the President of the Council of the Irish Free State, Mr. De Valera.

Questioned in Parliament, Mr. Thomas said that it was at present under consideration by the Government.

Asked for a further statement on the subject, Mr. Thomas suggested that if the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Lansbury, repeated the question on Monday he might be able to give an answer.

As to the contents of the communication, he said that it was not customary to publish documents of such a kind without an agreement between the two Governments concerned. He added that he had already promised its publication at the earliest possible moment.—British Wireless Service.

SOVIET PASS SENTENCE ON SPIES.

Warsaw, Yesterday.

Antoni Staniszewski and his mistress, Michalina Grot, were to-day sentenced to 10 and 3 years' hard labour respectively for espionage.

They were arrested before the arrest of Major Demkowski, who was shot on July 18 of last year for espionage by the Soviet.—Reuter.

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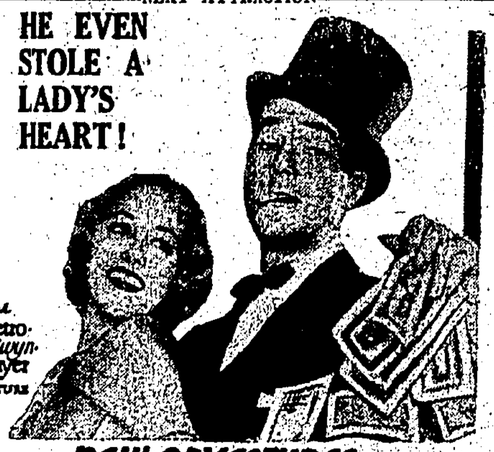
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